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ZERTUCHA IN LUCK.

Alleged Betrayer of General Maceo Given Office.

IS APPOINTED MAYOR OF BEJUCAL.

Comment by the Various Newspapers of Havana on the Death of Ruiz—The Decree of Autonomy Is Issued at Last.

HAVANA, Dec. 21.—It is announced that Dr. Zertucha, who was the physician of the late General Antonio Maceo, has been appointed mayor of Bejucal.

The local newspapers comment upon the death of Lieutenant Colonel Ruiz. El Diario de la Marina recalls the fact that at the end of the Ten Years' war "the rebels resorted to the same proceedings a few days before the peace of Zanjon." La Lucha says the fate of Ruiz was a "misfortune due to haste."

The Official Gazette has at last published the autonomy decrees. A largely attended mass meeting of Conservatives, with delegates from various parts of the island, was held last evening, convened by a circular issued by the Marquis de Apezteguia, leader of the Spanish Conservative party. The circular said the Conservatives expect and demand only justice of the government.

Dr. Zertucha, whose appointment is mentioned above, has belonged in his day to all the political parties in Cuba. At one time he was a bandit in the Vuelta Abajo, and his record was very discreditable. It was quite inexplicable to the friends of General Maceo that he kept the physician on his staff for so long a period, notwithstanding the warnings given him. Maceo used to say that Zertucha's fault was his drinking habit.

At the time the famous Cuban commander was killed Zertucha was charged with leading him and his party into the fatal ambush, but he issued a long statement, in which he tried to show that Maceo met his death in battle in the usual way. Zertucha also bitterly assailed the honor of the other Cuban leaders. After the killing of Maceo, the dishonored physician was allowed to go free by the Spaniards, and it was said and generally believed that his pockets were well lined with Spanish gold.

Aranguren Still Alive?

HAVANA, via Key West, Dec. 21.—It is now reported that Aranguren, the Cuban leader, was not shot with Colonel Ruiz, but that it was he who ordered the latter's execution.

Weird Archæological Discovery.

CITY OF MEXICO, Dec. 21.—A letter just received here from William Niven, the New York archæologist who is making excavations in a prehistoric city in the state of Guerrero, says that he has just made a surprising discovery of a layer of human bones from 10 inches to 7 feet from the surface plainly visible on the side of a barranca for fully 300 feet and which seems to continue for several thousand feet more. He is excavating with great success, unearthing objects of the greatest interest of jade, brachyte, diorite, bone, shell and terra cotta.

Postmasters Appointed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The following fourth class postmasters have been appointed: Delaware—Omar, F. S. Daisey; New York—Bethany, Ira Page, Hollywood, A. C. Day; Jonesville, W. C. Shepard; Pennsylvania — Entriken, O. B. Cunningham; Dickson City, M. McPherson; Monoca, J. H Glasser; Mountville, I. A. Witmer, Shinglehouse, G. W. Dodge.

Charges Guelich With Bribery.

DETROIT, Dec. 21.—Governor Pingree, through Colonel Eli Sutton of his staff, has publicly charged Otto E Guelich, a local politician and contractor, with offering him a bribe of valuable asphalt deposits in Venezuela The consideration was an appointment of commissioner of board of public works when Pingree was mayor of Detroit.

Gift to Yale's Library.

NEW HAVEN, Dec. 21.—Anson Phelps Stokes, Jr., Yale, '96, of New York city, has presented the Yale library with a valuable collection of mounted photographs obtained during his recent trip around the world. They include views in India, China, Korea and Siam and are accompanied by a valuable Buddhist manuscript.

Apologized For His Suicide.

BROOKLYN, Dec. 21.—William Hanson, whose wife and daughter are living at Towanda, Pa., suicided in this city by poisoning himself. He left a letter to his landlady apologizing for committing the deed in her house and also a brief sketch of his life, in which he described himself as a "philosophical anarchist."

Don't Want a Negro Postmaster.

SAVANNAH, Dec. 21.—A meeting of the most influential business men of the city was held at the Savannah Cotton Exchange to enter a formal protest against the appointment of a negro postmaster or collector of the port at Savannah. Lengthy resolutions were adopted.

Sproul Wants a Divorce.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 21.—Henry Sproul, one of Pittsburg's best known stock brokers and prominent in society circles, has instituted divorce proceedings against his wife. It is understood that Mr. Sproul, in his preliminary papers, bases the application on the ground of desertion.

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[illegible]RK, Dec. 21.—District At[illegible] has been formally ten[illegible]as accepted the appoint[illegible] of the city court to suc[illegible]t Van Wyck.

VINCENT VICTIMIZED.

Luetgert's Son Confesses to Forging Notes to Pay His Father's Lawyer.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—Arnold Luetgert confessed last night that he forged the name of Paul H. Jaeschke, a plumber, as indorser of three promissory notes, aggregating $4,750, made by Adolph L. Luetgert to W. A. Vincent, the attorney who defended the elder Luetgert at the time of his first trial on the charge of having murdered his wife.

Young Luetgert says a human life was at stake, and he did not care how he raised the money to pay his father's attorney. Mr. Vincent did not get any money on the notes, and is not only lacking the money he thought he would realize on them, but $1,000 in addition which he gave out of his own pocket to assist the cause of his client. Mr. Vincent says he will not prosecute young Luetgert.

Police Captain Herman Schuettler told Judge Gary and the Luetgert jurors a startling bribery story yesterday. He said he believed a plot had been formed to pack the panel at the first trial. Christine Feldt, the woman Luetgert was to marry, said the witness, "in case anything happened to his wife," was to furnish $1,000 for the purpose of bribing Luetgert's way to liberty.

August Schmidt, said to live in New York, called upon the widow, said Captain Schuettler, and unfolded the proposition. In a letter from New York he later set forth the plot in writing. He said he could induce an attache of the criminal court clerk's office to "fix" the jury. Because the woman turned against Luetgert the bribery scheme failed.

CHARLES DANIELS DEAD.

Former Supreme Court Judge Fatally Stricken With Paralysis.

BUFFALO, Dec. 21.—Hon. Charles Daniels, who for 28 years served on the supreme court bench and also represented the Thirty-third congressional district, was stricken with paralysis in his office yesterday. He died shortly after 6 o'clock in the evening.

Charles Daniels came of a Welsh family. He was born in New York city in 1826 and was apprenticed to a shoemaker at an early age. While working at his shoemaker's bench he studied law and was admitted to the bar in Buffalo. His legal career was brilliant. He was first a county judge and was elected to the supreme court in 1863. He was appointed by Governor Seymour to hold the office of justice of that court until Jan. 1, 1864. He was twice re-elected and held office until the last of December, 1891, a period of 28 years.

After his retirement from the bench on account of the age limit, Judge Daniels was twice elected member of congress from the Thirty-third district, serving with much distinction in both the fifty-third and fifty-fourth congresses. Since the close of his congressional career the judge had practiced law in Buffalo.

National Guard Affairs.

ALBANY, Dec. 21.—The committee of national guard officers appointed by Adjutant General Tillinghast at the request of Governor Black to suggest a revision of the state military code and a reorganization of the state guard has met and organized. A two hours' session was held, and an adjournment was taken until Dec. 28, when a meeting will be held in the Twelfth regiment armory. No information as to the proceedings of the meeting was divulged. The committee will make no announcement until it submits its raport to the governor.

Aged Lawyer Dies.

WATKINS, N. Y., Dec 21.—John J. Van Allen, a prominent citizen and the oldest member of the Schuyler county bar, died at his home in this village last night after an illness of three weeks. The deceased was born in Allegheny county in 1826 He began the study of law in Elmira and was admitted to the bar in 1851. In the same year he located in Watkins. He was the first district attorney appointed for Schuyler county. He was a Democrat and prominent in political circles.

Mrs. Nack May Escape Death.

JAMAICA N. Y., Dec. 21.—While District Attorney Youngs is noncommittal upon the matter, it is understood that he has finally decided to allow Mrs. Nack to plead guilty to manslaughter in the first degree. It is asserted that the prosecuting officer has gone over carefully the evidence against the woman and has reached the conclusion that it would be impossible to convict her of murder in the first or second degree.

Lizzie de Kalb Confesses.

NORRISTOWN, Pa., Dec. 21.—Lizzie de Kalb, who, with James A. Clemmer, is charged with complicity in the murder of Mrs. Emma P. Kaiser, for which Charles C. Kaiser, husband of the victim, is under death sentence, has made a confession to her counsel, accusing Clemmer of the crime. He, she claims, arranged it with Kaiser.

Collision Killed Engineer.

FARMINGTON, Me., Dec. 21.—A serious railroad accident in the Maine Central yard occurred by a Maine Central engine colliding with a Sandy river engine, throwing the latter from the track and demolishing it. William Barker of Phillips, engineer of the Sandy river engine, died from his injuries shortly afterward.

Murderer Cheats the Gallows.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Dec. 21.—Jack McCuno, a gambler, who killed William A. Albin Aug. 6, committed suicide in the county jail by taking morphine.

To Unite Two Cities.

ST. PAUL, Dec. 21.—A movement has been started for the union of St. Paul and Minneapolis, making one city of nearly 400,000 inhabitants.

THE WHEAT FIGHT.

Joseph Leiter to Be Aided by His Father's Advice.

THE LATTER HASTENS TO CHICAGO.

Philip D. Armour's Ability to Deliver All the Wheat He Sold Appears to Be Rendering the Situation Very Perplexing.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—The big battle now raging here over December wheat furnished a sensation yesterday, when L. Z. Leiter, father of Joseph Leiter, appeared with his family and settled in the old home, 4 Tower court. Mr. Leiter undoubtedly has grown apprehensive over the wheat situation and has come to counsel his son in the decisive movements which will make the big deal either a success or a failure. He evidently fears the problem of disposing of the millions of bushels of wheat which are accumulating on the hands of Joseph Leiter will prove too knotty for the latter and that after all Philip D. Armour might take advantage of the inexperience of the young man and turn the tables in costly fashion. The wheat pit recognizes there is an old and experienced man now at the head of the bull clique.

JOSEPH LEITER.

It is said that Joseph Leiter has found the situation very perplexing ever since Mr. Armour demonstrated his ability to deliver all the wheat he had sold. The problem that puzzles him involves the disposal of the wheat that is pouring in on him. There seems little doubt that he will have some profit on settlement day, but traders now are inclined to think he will not realize on more than 1,000,000 to 2,000,000 bushels. It is believed he was not long more than 8,000,000 bushels, and of this 6,000,000 will be delivered and paid for.

Joseph Leiter and his party are now fighting to keep down the price of December wheat, but in spite of them it sold at $1.02 and closed at $1. They knew that the higher the price the more attractive this market will be for the outside wheat, and they are anxious to bar out any grain that might come in competition with their supply. They sold about 200,000 bushels yesterday to keep the market from soaring, and their action was the principal cause of the break of 2 cents.

About 600,000 bushels of the grain were delivered. Mr. Armour sending out 500,000 bushels and Mr. Weare about 75,000 bushels. The Leiter clique took nearly all of it.

Young Mr. Leiter is beginning to realize that a corner is an expensive as well as a dangerous thing. He has spent at least $300,000 merely for running expenses. When the wheat is delivered the cost of caring for it will be heavy The storages are three-quarters of a cent per bushel per month, and insurance is to be added.

Should he wish to ship his wheat his expenses will rise rapidly. The ordinary freight charges from Chicago to Liverpool are about 17 cents a bushel and there is additional cost at Liverpool.

Serious Trolley Car Accident.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 21.—One person was probably fatally hurt and six others were more or less injured in a collision on the Roxborough, Wissahickon and Manayunk electric road on the outskirts of this city. The roof of a trolley car fell in on the passengers, the stove upset, and the wreck caught fire. J. R. Lamon, aged 29 years, the conductor, suffered injuries which will necessitate the amputation of a leg and an arm and may result in his death. The motorman and passengers were severely cut and bruised. The wreckage was consumed by the flames.

Ten Buildings Burned.

SCRANTON, Pa., Dec. 21—Fire caused $30,000 damage and destroyed 10 buildings in East Hawley. In three hours the following structures were consumed: Barn and store of E. R. Evans, Hawley knitting mill, houses of Henry Weber, Mrs. Joseph Scholl, William Johnston, M. Tigue, Mrs. McDonald, Hugh Feeney, and a barn attached to the mill. The total insurance is less than $18,000.

Stenographer Devine Dined.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—A dinner was given at Chamberlin's last night in honor of Andrew Devine, the veteran stenographer of the house of representatives, who has resigned his official position to engage in private business. Among the guests, besides Mr. Devine's old friends of the press, were Hon Samuel Barrows, Joseph R. Forakker, Jr., and Hon. Robert P. Hitt.

British Squadron For China.

BERLIN, Dec. 21.—The rumor is current here that the British east Asiatic squadron has been ordered to sail for Quelpaert island, at the entrance of the Yellow sea, presumably to occupy it. The tone of the German press is favorable to some such action on the part of Great Britain.

TRIAL OF ANDERSON.

Cook of the Olive Pecker Faces Murder Charge.

IMPORTANT TESTIMONY BY SEAMEN.

Several Eyewitnesses of the Terrible Tragedy at Sea Narrate In Detail the Story of the Prisoner's High Handed Acts.

NORFOLK, Dec. 21.—The trial of John Anderson, cook of the schooner Olive Pecker, for the murder of Mate William Wallace Saunders on the high seas in August last, was begun in the federal court yesterday. Anderson is also under indictment for the murder of Captain Whitman and burning the schooner, but the prosecution elected to bring the first trial for the murder of the mate. Rapid progress was made, and it is probable that the case will be concluded very shortly.

Attorney McIntosh for the accused, in outlining the defense, stated that he would show that Anderson had been subjected to unheard of cruelties and that the murders were committed in self defense.

A number of minor witnesses were heard upon the identification of the vessel and her cargo, and Martin Barstad, a Norwegian, a member of the schooner's crew, was called to the stand as the first eyewitness to the terrible tragedy, which will go down as one of the most dramatic and remarkable of modern times.

Barstad testified that he was at the wheel during the whole affair. He saw Anderson throw water on the captain's dog on the morning of Aug. 6, the day of the crime. He then heard the captain curse Anderson, after which followed a noise as though of some one falling. He supposed the captain had struck Anderson, who came up and asked the mate to protect him. The mate refused, saying, "You've got to die anyway."

Shortly after this Anderson came out of the captain's cabin and called the mate down out of the rigging and shot him four times. He summoned all hands and made them throw the body overboard. Then he made them go down into the cabin and get the body of the captain and throw that overboard, after which he took the crew down into the captain's cabin and gave them some whisky. His story of the burning of the vessel under Anderson's direction and the voyage to land in the small boats varied little from the published accounts.

After Barstad's testimony, the court took a recess for one hour. When it reconvened, John Lind was called to the stand. He testified that he had shipped as a common sailor on board the schooner Olive Pecker. He told the same story as Barstad, except that he did not see Anderson shoot the mate. Anderson came up to him and told him that he had killed the captain and that the mate had to go too. The witness then went and called the watch, and while he was doing this he heard three or four shots on the other side of the vessel.

Witness helped throw the bodies overboard, and Anderson, he said, cursed the dead body of the mate. He could not state what language he used. Speaking of the whisky Anderson gave the crew, Lind said it was only half a bottle, and no one was drunk. The captain and mate were dead when thrown overboard. Anderson fired three shots when the small boat left the burning schooner, though why he did it witness could not say Lind told how the crew drew lots to see who should go together, and his lot fell with that of Anderson. He said Anderson shot the dog, which came ashore in the boat, and on the way to Belmont sold the captain's watch.

Upon cross examination Lind said he had heard Anderson prior to the killing ask the mate to protect him from the captain and heard the mate tell Anderson, "You will be killed anyway."

Juan de Dios Barrial did not see the shooting, but heard the shots. His story varied essentially from those of his mates. Referring to his conversation with Anderson after the tragedy, Barrial said Anderson took him aside and told him he (Anderson) was a murderer, but had killed the captain and mate to save their lives and before they left the vessel they would all be just as guilty as he (Anderson) Barrial said he urged the cook not to burn the schooner.

Beatty Writes His Autobiography.

STROUDSBURG, Pa., Dec. 21.—T Charles Beatty, former supreme secretary of the A. P. A. and a prominent lawyer of the middle west, and Harry Howard have been taken to Philadelphia to serve a term of 15 months in the Eastern penitentiary for forgery Before he left Beatty wrote in jail an account of his life, which he headed "Life Experience of a Smart Fool

State Sues For $335,000

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 21.—The state of Nebraska, by the attorney general, has filed a civil suit against ex-Treasurer Bartley and his bondsmen for $335,000 This is the amount which Bartley is charged with embezzling from the public school fund during his first two years in office and is one of a number of similar suits

Prominent Hotel Man Dead.

NEW YORK Dec. 21.—Lewis Leland of 5 West Ninetieth street died in the New York hospital yesterday. Mr. Leland was in his sixty-fifth year when stricken by a complication of diseases. He and his brothers have been among the most prominent hotel men in the United States

Fire Burns a Department Store.

DANVILLE Ills., Dec. 21.—The Golden Rule department store, owned by Schmitt & Heinly, was destroyed by a fire which started in the show window. Loss, $75,000.

TRAIN RUNS AWAY.

Fifty Cars Made Total Wrecks, and Several Trainmen Severely Injured.

ALTOONA, Pa., Dec. 21.—A freight train of 31 loaded cars traveling down the mountain to this city last night became unmanageable in consequence of the slippery condition of the tracks, made the 12 miles from Gallitzin to Altoona in as many minutes and crashed into a freight train in the yard here directly in front of the passenger station.

About 50 cars were completely broken up, and the Hollidaysburg passenger train which was standing on the tracks outside the passenger shed was thrown over on its side.

The engineer and fireman of the runaway train were helped from the cab of the wrecked locomotive, and both were able to walk away. Their escape was almost miraculous. Three other trainmen were taken to the hospital. One of them is said to be fatally injured. A brakeman named Corbin is still unaccounted for and is thought to be under the wreckage.

Bert Halt of Cliff Union, Pa.; John McFadden of Madisonville, Pa., and James Pressoll of Monongahela, Pa., coal miners on their way to Punxsutawney, were taken from the wreck. None of them are seriously injured. S. Kuster of Hagerstown, Ind., who was accompanying a carload of poultry, was fatally injured.

FEARS PERSECUTIONS.

Wealthy Andrew Rowan Deeds His Property Away and Will Leave Trenton.

TRENTON, Dec. 21.—Andrew K. Rowan, a wealthy and distinguished citizen, after residing here all his life, announces that owing to petty persecutions he will go and remain away.

Mr. Rowan has deeded his handsome property at Broad Street park to three trustees, who are to give it to the New Jersey Methodist conference for a home for aged women. The property has a frontage of 400 feet and a depth of 250 feet and includes a fine lawn and residence. He wants the Methodist conference to raise a fund to maintain the home, and he promises to be a liberal giver.

Mr. Rowan recently had his neighbor, John McNeal, arrested on the charge of girdling all the fine trees around his place and placing a bomb in his kindling wood which blew the stove apart and nearly killed him. McNeal is awaiting trial, and Rowan fears other depredations and will not take chances.

Rowan will live in Florida in the winter and travel during the summer.

Race Track Amendment In Peril.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—A writ of certiorari has been allowed by Justice Jonathan Dixon of the New Jersey supreme court for the review of the proceedings of the state board of canvassers at which the constitutional amendment against gambling was declared carried. The writ is returnable at the February term. Whatever the decision an appeal will probably be taken to the court of errors. If the contestants' point is sustained, the antirace track amendment will be defeated.

Gale Wrecks Many Vessels.

ST. JOHNS, N. F., Dec. 21.—A terrible gale swept this island yesterday and did immense damage to fishing establishments and vessels at all the coast settlements. Twelve schooners went ashore in Green bay and became total wrecks, and several others were badly damaged in collisions. It is feared that the fleet from Gloucester and the herring fleet now loading in Placentia bay have been seriously buffeted by the storm.

New Ministry's Close Call.

ROME, Dec. 21.—After criticisms upon the composition of the ministry, Signor Colombo, former minister of the treasury, submitted a resolution of want of confidence in the new government, but the chamber rejected it by a vote of 200 against 184.

Minister Thomas In Washington.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—W. W. Thomas of Portland, Me., recently appointed minister to Norway and Sweden, is in Washington to pay his respects to President McKinley and receive his instructions before starting for his post. He expects to sail from New York about Jan. 5.

Russia Notifies Japan.

YOKOHAMA, Dec. 21.—Russia has notified Japan of the temporary occupation of Port Arthur and a large Japanese squadron has left Nagasaki.

Aged Man Fatally Hurt.

ELMIRA N. Y., Dec. 21.—Thomas McNamara, aged 75 years, was struck by Erie train No 15 at Waverly and was fatally hurt.

CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

Count Esterhazy will probably be tried by a French court martial.

Zola was hooted by a French mob at Daudet's funeral for his Dreyfus sentiments

Texas and the government have disputed over the ownership of land on Galveston island.

Mrs. Rohler, near Watervliet, N. Y., was fatally shot through a door by rioting foundry strikers.

Governor Leedy of Kansas has planned a canal from Montana to Texas to control Mississippi floods.

A postal note system similar to that of the United States will go into operation in Canada July 1, 1898.

Several suspected filibusters are reported to be taking on a cargo of arms and ammunition at Pensacola, Fla.

The coroner's jury returned a verdict of willful murder at the inquest over the remains of William Terriss, the actor.

Wages of the employees of the China, Pembroke and Webster Cotton mills at Suncook, N. H., will be cut 10 per cent Jan. 1.

Chicago's Federation of Labor has requested its members who are in the militia to resign and that no members hereafter enlist.

EVANS GIVES VIEWS.

The Commissioner's Ideas on Civil Service Affairs.

FAVORS DEFINITE TENURE OF OFFICE

Also Is of the Opinion That the Head of a Bureau Should Have Full Sway In Dismissing Clerks For Inefficiency.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Commissioner of Pensions Evans yesterday appeared before the senate committee on civil service and retrenchment, which is conducting an investigation into the operations of the civil service system. Mr. Evans was questioned at length by Senators Lodge and Pritchard about the civil service system and its application to the pension office force. He expressed the opinion that the law did not accomplish the results its friends insisted that it did. The best men in his office were those who had come in under the so called "spoils system." They did their duty and expected to hold their positions by so doing. The pension examining board, he said, ought not to be in the classified service, as it was desirable to secure men as members of such boards who had wide surgical experience—army experience, if possible—and such men would not enter into competition for the places with young men just out of college. He thought, however, that the entire system of appointing the boards was wrong and that all of them ought to be under a uniform system of appointment.

The commissioner believed that the head of a bureau was the best qualified

COMMISSIONER EVANS.

person to pass upon the efficiency of a clerk and that he ought not to be hampered in removing a clerk for inefficiency. If permitted to do so, he could remove at least 100 clerks from his office without affecting the efficiency of the force. He thought it would be desirable to have a definite tenure of office not exceeding ten years, so that every year about 10 per cent of new blood could be infused into the force. This would do away with the abuses resulting from some clerks remaining in office too long. The commissioner thought that some reform would have to be enacted or the country would have the infliction of a civil pension list. He believed it was a mistake to include in the classified service the special examiners, medical boards, chiefs of divisions and all others receiving salaries exceeding $1,400.

Signing of the Sealing Bill.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—No appointments will be made by the president during the holiday recess of congress, except in case of emergency. Despite the announcement of this fact, the number of visitors at the White House today was unusually large. General John W. Foster had a brief interview with the president concerning the pelagic sealing bill, which is now before the executive.

Representative Johnson of North Dakota urged the president not to sign the sealing bill, maintaining that as diplomatic negotiations between the United States and Canada with reference to the sealing controversy had been practically terminated, the bill would avail nothing in furthering the negotiations and would be an injustice to sealers of the United States. The president gave no expression of his intentions, but it is expected that he will sign the bill in a few days.

To Watch the Dauntless.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The treasury department has notified the collector of customs at Key West to keep watch on the steamer Dauntless, which is suspected of having another filibustering expedition on hand. The information was furnished by the Spanish minister, who reported that the Dauntless had in tow a number of barges and lighters. While there was nothing apparently unlawful in the movements of the big tug, the minister said he had reason to believe she contemplated another expedition. In view of her previous achievements in that line, a strict watch on her movements was ordered

Paper Makers Combine.

APPLETON, Wis. Dec. 21.—It is reported that the makers of book paper of Wisconsin, Michigan, Indiana and Ohio have formed an association to stop the cutting of prices and to fix a minimum price. It is also said that eastern manufacturers may co-operate in the movement. Nearly every mill in the four states is represented, and the action taken is one of great importance.

Afridis Hold a Scot.

CALCUTTA, Dec. 21.—According to advices from the front Sergeant Walker of the Scots Fusileers is a prisoner in the hands of the Sipah Afridis. Efforts are making to obtain his release.

HENRY S. BOUTELL.

The New Congressman from the Chicago North Shore District.

Henry Sherman Boutell was born in Boston, Mass., March 14, 1856, and is the oldest surviving son of Maj. Lewis Henry and Anne Green Boutell. The son came to Chicago with his mother on January 1, 1864. His university course was taken at Northwestern in Evanston, from which he graduated in 1874. Afterward he went to Harvard, graduating in 1876, and in 1877 he received from Harvard the degree of A. M. in civil and international law. He entered the law office of Upton, Boutell & Waterman in 1877 and completed his law studies in 1879 at Springfield, where

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(Just Elected Representative from the Sixth Illinois District.)

he was acting as private secretary to the lieutenant governor. Mr. Boutell was admitted to the bar in 1879. In 1892 he became a member of the firm of Boutell, Waterman & Boutell, the other members being his father and A. N. Waterman. In 1884 Mr. Boutell took great interest in the preparation of the municipal election law, and in November of that year he was elected a member of the legislature as a republican from the Sixth senatorial district, receiving the largest vote ever cast for any candidate in that district. He was chairman of the special committee having charge of the civil service reform bill. Mr. Boutell married Euphemia, only child of Charles Horatio Gates, of Boston, on December 29, 1880, and he has three children. He is a member of the State and Chicago Bar associations, of the Chicago Union League, University and Literary clubs, the Loyal Legion, Sons of the American Revolution, Society of Colonial Wars and of Beta Theta Pi college fraternity. He was for three years secretary and for two years president of the Harvard Alumni club of Chicago. He is also an active member of the Citizens' association and the Civil Service Reform league.

STICKS TO HIS OATH.

Why a Kentuckian Has Not Voted for Fifty-Three Years.

One man in Kentucky who did not vote in the election held recently is Harlow Spencer, of Fort Spring, six miles from Versailles, Ky. Mr. Spencer is 76 years of age, and has been a miller at Fort Spring for half a century.

He is legally qualified to vote, and it was neither physical infirmity nor the bad weather that kept him from the polls, but obedience to a strange vow that he made to himself a few days after an election held 53 years ago.

Spencer cast his first vote in a presidential election and his last vote in any election in 1844. He was then an old line whig and a hero worshiper. In his teens he had pinned faith to Henry Clay, whom he regarded as the greatest man in this country. When Clay was nominated by the whig party for the presidency in 1844 Spencer was overjoyed, and he threw his whole soul into

HARLOW SPENCER
(He Has Not Voted Since Clay Was Defeated for the Presidency.)

the campaign. He never once entertained a doubt of Clay's election his defeat would be a public calamity. The returns came in and showed the election of Polk and Dallas, and the young miller's disappointment was so great that he then vowed that he would never cast another vote as long as he lived. A few years ago a neighbor ran for the legislature and every vote was needed, but Spencer would not violate his vow, and for 50 years, through some of the most exciting political battles in history, despite the appeals of friends, he has stood true to his oath.

Ants That Live on Honey.

A colony of 12,000 dairymen ants is said to have been discovered in the western border of Chester county, Pa. These insects subsist on honey secured from the tiny aphides, which live on grape vines and rose bushes. They yield a single drop of honey when disturbed. The dairymen ant pats the aphide, the honey appears, and the ant devours it greedily. The frightened aphide is disturbed until its supply of honey is exhausted, when the ant seeks another storehouse. The head and chest of the ants are bright red, the abdomen black. Their homes are mounds ten feet high. Each mound is said to contain several castes. The aristocracy have wings, and are about six-sixteenths of an inch long. Their exclusive task is to raise the young. Next are the workers. They are shorter and without wings.

ELECTION ECCENTRICITY.

Unique Wagers That Were Popular in Baltimore.

The majority of the bets were, as usual, in cash, but a great number of decidedly unique and eccentric wagers were discharged, says the Baltimore Sun. The time-honored wheelbarrow ride was indulged with wearisome frequency, and in all sections of the city was to be seen a smiling victor riding at ease, or at such ease as the rather cramped quarters afforded by the barrows admit, while perspiring and toiling behind and almost overwhelmed with the burden trundled the unhappy loser.

Once in awhile came the confident man who, in his unconquerable belief in his boss' success, had agreed to shave one side of his face and allow the other side to sport his usual growth of whiskers. He was hailed with derision and made to feel the seriousness of rash wagering.

Smooth faces, too, were seen in numbers among men who usually wear heavy whiskers, and they were also greeted with bantering merriment by acquaintances.

One of the odd bets of this year, the conspicuousness of which made the loser feel his position keenly, was that of wearing a straw hat at this unseasonable time of the year. There was not a great number of such wagers made, apparently, but sufficient to attract attention in the busy thoroughfares.

The pushing of peanuts around a square with match sticks was not neglected in the general forfeiture, and this was seen more often in the quieter sections of the town. It is a difficult wager, indeed, to fulfill, but those who lost, as a rule, pluckily stuck to the task until the winner declared himself satisfied.

ENGLISHMEN AT THE THEATER.

English Women Are the Worst-Dressed Women in the World.

Lilian Bell, who is writing from London to the Ladies' Home Journal, gives some remarkably interesting descriptions of the Britishers. Here, for instance, is the way she pictures an audience at a London theater: "The play was most amusing, yet my sister and I couldn't help watching the audience. Such a bored-looking set, the women with frizzled hair held down by invisible nets, mingling with their eyebrows and done hideously in the back. Low-necked gowns, exhibiting the most beautiful shoulders in the world. Gorgeous jewels in their hair and gleaming all over their bodices, but among half a dozen emerald, turquoise and diamond bracelets there would appear a silver watch bracelet which cost not over ten dollars, and spoiled the effect of all the others.

"English women as a race are the worst-dressed women in the world. I saw thousands of them in Piccadilly and Regent streets, and at church parade in the park, with high, French-heeled slippers over colored stockings. And as to sizes, I should say nines were the average. There are some smaller, but the most are larger.

"The prince of Wales was in the box opposite to ours, and when we were not looking at him we gazed at the impassive faces of the audience. They never smiled. They never laughed. The subtlest points in the play went unnoticed, yet it is one which has had a record run and bids fair to keep the boards for the rest of the season."

Black Skirt with Fancy Waist.

The question: "What is the fashionable black skirt to wear with the fancy waist?" is perhaps more often asked than any other by the woman who makes one skirt answer for many occasions. In reply it may be asserted that rich black satin is given the preference where only one skirt is found in the wardrobe of the questioner. But if you already have that, then plain black taffeta, often much trimmed from waist to hem, is the newest and most fashionable. But a word of warning. This not only is an extravagant purchase, but after comparatively few wearings will split, even where there is no real strain.—Woman's Home Companion.

Met Death Skating.

TONAWANDA, N. Y., Dec. 21.—While skating on the Elliott creek between this village and Transit last evening the ice gave way, and a party of four young people fell into the water. Three of them were drowned. The dead are, William Newman, 19 years of age; Rose Newman, 16 years, and Michael Coleman aged 20 years, all of North Tonawanda. The fourth member of the party, Miss Lizzie Coleman, a sister of Michael Coleman, was rescued just in time.

Fischer Wants a Judgeship.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Representative I. F. Fischer of New York is a candidate for the office of United States district judge for the Eastern district of New York located in Brooklyn. He has the indorsement of practically the entire Republican New York delegation, of the Kings county organization, and Senator Platt and Representative Quigg are working in his interest. His papers will be presented to the president next week.

Dedication of a Temple.

TROY, N. Y., Dec. 21. The dedication of the Rowe Memorial Salvation Army temple took place in this city last evening at Music hall. The building cost $25,000 and is the gift of Mr. Rowe, the president of the Troy Waysside knitting company, his wife and Colonel and Mrs. W. H. Rowe, Jr. Both of these gentlemen are prominently identified with philanthropic and missionary work in New York city and in other sections of the state.

The Kaiser's American Friend.

In spite of Emperor William's dislike of America he has taken a great liking to the naval attache of the United States embassy at Berlin, Lieut. Niblack. He frequently invites him to the palace, and they discuss naval matters with great informality.

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Nos 6-8 East Main Street, Middletown.
From Now Until Christmas Day, Grand Sale of Toys and Holiday Gifts for All.

Our store in its Holiday Dress is like a glimpse of Faryland. Magnificent display and tempting novelties attract the eye of the visitor. Holiday gifts are grouped in rich assortments all over the place, with immense assortments of stock, extra salespeople, everything to make holiday shopping with us a comfort as well as an economy, has been done. We point with pride to our splendid selections of goods suitable for Holiday Gifts for young and old, and to the alluring low prices at which we are able to sell them.

DOLLS.

A Beauty Show—
Our Doll Exhibit is incomparably superior to any expectation you may have formed from what you see elsewhere.

Dressed Dolls and Dolls to Dress
of all nativities and complexions. No description can do them justice. All should come and see them. Note these prices, much lower than elsewhere. Here are a few price hints:

500 China Dolls Each 3c.
12c China Dolls each 7c., 25c Dressed Dolls each 15c., 50c Kid Body Dolls, bisque head and flowing hair, each 35c.; 50c Dressed Dolls each 35c., $1 Dressed Dolls and Kid Body Dolls each 75c.

One Thing
We want to say here. While we have a reasonably large quantity of everything advertised here, we do not guarantee every lot to last until Christmas. The early comer will find everything advertised here.

TOYS.

The Most Substantial Toys for Children
are those made of Malleable Iron. At Tompkins' you will buy them much lower than elsewhere—Toy Scales 10 and 19c., worth 15 to 25c. Tin Stoves, with furniture, 5 and 10c., worth 10 and 15c. Tin Kitchen, with furniture, 10 and 18c. Iron Wagon and Horse, value 38c., at 25c. Fire Engine, Horse and Driver value 35c., at 19c. Big Iron State Banks 25 and 45c. Iron Ranges 25 and 45c. A few very large ones $1.50. Big Iron Wagons 19c. Iron Passenger Trains, 50c size, 5c. Iron Surrey, with horse 25c. Iron Coal Carts, with driver, 19c. Iron Coal Carts 10c. Big Hook and Ladder or Fire Engine, with horses and firemen, a regular $1.50 toy, at 85c.

Other Toys.
Doll Cradles, large ones, 10, 15, 25c. Block boards 25, 35c; with changeable figures 75c. Tool chests 35, 50c and higher. Wooden Hay Carts, with handles, 10c. Boys' Coasting Sleighs 10 and 25c. Toy Wheelbarrows 10c. Doll Swings 15c. Nine Pins, per set, 10, 25, 45c. Babies' Rattles, Boys' Tops, Trumpets, Childs' Sets, consisting of knife, fork and spoon, 10 and 15c a set. Shoo Fly Baby's Rocking Horses, the kind that cannot fall over, 75c. Card Games of all kinds 5 and 10c. China Tea Sets, nicely decorated and put up in strong box, 25c. Drums, the flat, tall, wood or brass, all prices. Toy Pianos in every style.

How Beautiful the Store Looks in Its Holiday Attire.
Every section trimmed up to look its prettiest. Everywhere you chance to glance something new. A stroll through the store will prove an hour's enjoyable entertainment.

A Great Handkerchief Sale.
It was said of a great physician, by one of his patients: "He always attends to my case as if he had only one case to think of." We aim to sell Handkerchiefs as if we sold nothing else, and we don't know of another handkerchief store in Middletown like this one. In holiday time Handkerchiefs prevade the whole store at prices astonishing low.

At 3c Each.
200 dozen colored border, hem stitched Handkerchiefs.

At 5c Each.
Embroidered, plain hem stitched and lace edge Handkerchiefs.

At 10c Each.
Fine plain white, hem stitched beautiful Swiss embroidered and men's or ladies' initial Handkerchiefs.

At 12½c Each.
Ladies' elegant fine Swiss embroidered, men's imitation silk, initialed Handkerchiefs.

At 15c Each.
Ladies' fine initialed hem stitched Handkerchiefs, ladies' silk, hem stitched Handkerchiefs.
ladies' fine Swiss embroidered Handkerchiefs.

At 25c Each.
Ladies' very fine embroidered Handkerchiefs, worth 35c.

At 49c Each,
Ladies' all linen beautiful embroidered Handkerchiefs, men's silk initialed Handkerchiefs, beautiful goods and worth 75c each.

Christmas Gloves.
You've heard of the old lady who knit mittens and said she lost one every pair. How could she do it? Couldn't, she said, only that she sold so many. That's not far from true with our Christmas Gloves.

Child's Kid Mittens,
Nicely lined fur tops, 50c a pair.

Ladies' Fine Kid Gloves
or Mittens, lined, fur tops, $1 a pair.

Ladies' Fine Silk Mittens
$1.00.

Holiday Umbrellas.
A most suitable Christmas present. Nowhere can you buy them at these prices. Umbrellas with Paragon Congo, Wexel Celluloid and Dresden handles $1.50, $1.98, $2.50 and $3.98 each.

Silks and Dress Goods.
A standard holiday gift for ladies. The one thing that you cannot make a mistake on, for there isn't a woman in the land who would not appreciate a handsome new dress. Tompkins' Silk and Dress Goods Department is resplendent with beautiful goods, and the prices throughout are very much lower than goods of equal excellence can be bought elsewhere.

Ladies' Fine Jackets.
It is usual to wait until after the holidays to mark down prices of Jackets. Every jacket we have must be sold this season, so we have made after-season prices right now. If you need a jacket yourself or think of making a Christmas present of one, you will get it at Tompkins' at the usual after holiday price now. This extraordinary lot of jackets consists in part of the following goods.

Double Breasted Fly Front Coats
of rich curly Boucle, lined throughout with heavy satin, rolling storm collar, tailor back, half lined with silk serge. Ladies' fine imported black Kersey Cloth Jackets, all satin lined, strapped seams, fly or high buttoned fronts, new style storm collar, at sizes 32 to 44.

Misses' Reefer Jackets.
Several styles nicely made with wide sailor collars.

Holiday Books.
One lot Cloth Bound Books, many different titles, at 10c each. ANOTHER LOT CLOTH BOUND BOOKS, 25c elsewhere, at Tompkins' 15c each.

Cups and Saucers.
We made a lucky purchase of a lot of Cups and Saucers, all fine goods, nicely decorated. Monday we start to sell these goods at half regular price. Worth 20c at 10c., worth 30c at 15c., worth 50c at 25c. Fine Gilt Plates 10c each.

Table Covers and Curtains.
A Table Cover is like your hat, or nose or front door, it is the prominent feature that dominates the surroundings. These make useful Christmas presents.

Chenille Table Covers
75, 98c and $1.25 each

Fine Damask Linen Table Covers
Figured, $1, $1.50 and $1.75, according to size.

Chenille Portiere Curtains
$1.98 and $2.98 per pair.

Blankets.
Continuation sale of the largest and most attractive Blanket stock in this city. Entire stock direct from the mills, no intermediate costs or profits. We start at 35c a pair for a fair article this lot is slightly imperfect; then 75c, and offer at 98c a blanket that has positively not been equalled for less than $1.25. $2 Blanket for $1.50 $2.50 Blanket for $1.98. $3 Blanket at $2.25, $3.75 Blanket at $2.98, 10/4 Blanket, strictly all wool warp and fully finished both sides, $3.98 a pair.

Fine California Wool Blankets
$4.98, $6.50 and $7.75 a pair.

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MIDDLETOWN TIME TABLES.

Erie Railroad Co.

Trains leave from Middletown Stations, beginning Nov. 28, 1897, and continuing until further notice, as follows:

Trains marked with * run daily. Trains Nos. 607, 608, 617, 620 and run Sundays only. All other trains daily except Sunday. †Train Nos. 1 & 5 will stop only for passengers for Binghamton or west thereof—due notification must be given at the ticket office. Trains with the following letters annexed indicate connection, viz.: "G" with Newburg Branch via Greycourt; "T" with Newburg Short-cut Branch via Turners; "A" with Newburgh short cut via Arden. "M" with Montgomery Branch, and "P" with Pine Island Branch.

GOING EAST.

Nos	James St. Sta.	Main St. Sta
* 12 Chicago Ex.	4.19 a.m.	
* 10 New York Special	5.01 "	
26 Middletown Way	6.30 "	....6.32 a.m
16 Orange Co. Ex., G.M.	7.10 "	....7.12 "
28 Mountain Ex., T	8.23 "	... 8.25 "
38 Del. Val. Ex. (M.P.G.)	10.48 "	
* 6 W. Mail, (G. exc't pt Su)	12.55 p.m.	...12.57 p.m
30 Way, A. M. P. G.	4.10 "	...4.12 "
* 2 C. & G. T. Ex., "A"	5.00 "	
* 8 C. & St. L. Limited,	5.55 "	
22 P. J. Local T.	7.26 "	...7.28
* 14 Wells Fargo Express	10 40 "	
606 P. J. Local (Sun only)		
M. P. and G. T.	8.23 a.m.	
620 P. J. Local (Su only) "G"	6.08 p.m.	
18 Milk (Sunday only)	6.55 p.m.	

GOING WEST

Nos.	James St. Sta.	Main St. Sta
* 17 Milk	6.47 a.m.	
25 Port Jervis Way	10.36 "	....10.38 a.m
* 1 Day Express	†10.56 "	
9 Corning Express	11.25 "	
11 Port Jervis Local	1.04 p.m.	.... 1.01 p.m
33 Port Jervis Exp.	3.40 "	.... 3.37 "
†* 5 C. & St. L. Exp.	4.16 "	
27 Mountain Exp.	5.42 "	.... 5.38 "
15 Orange Co. Exp	6.46 "	.... 6.41 "
25 Middletown Way ar.	8.05 "	.... 8.03 "
* 7 C. & G. T. Exp.	9.34 "	
29 Way	9.13 "	
* 3 Chicago Exp.	11.12 "	
601 Sunday Local	10 38 a.m.	
625 P. J. Way (Sun only)	3.08 p.m	
617 " " "	10 29 "	

Passenger trains for Middletown leave foot of Chamber street, New York, at *4.00, 7.45, 9.15, 10.30 a.m.; 1.00, 3.30, 4.30, 5.30, 6.30, *7.20, *8.45 p.m. Also additional Sunday trains at 7.45, a.m. 12.30 and 7.30 p.m.

Crawford Branch.

GOING NORTH.

No	Leave for	James St. Sta.	Main St. Sta
101	Pine Bush Mail	11 25 a.m.	11.40 a.m
*125	" " "		6.55 p.m
601	Sun. only	11 00	12.10 a.m

COMING SOUTH

*125	Arrive from Pine Bush	8.16 a.m
*130	" " " "	6.40 p.m

N. Y., O. & W. R. R.

NORTH.

Trains leave Wickham avenue depot, Middletown as follows:

No.	9 First Milk	7.45 a.m
No.	21 Second Milk	8.45 a.m
No.	1 Ontario Express	10.56 a.m
No.	7 Sullivan County Express	6.15 p.m
No.	5 Pacific Express	8.45 p.m
No.	21 Local	11.00 a.m

SOUTH.

Trains leave Wickham avenue depot for New York as follows:

No.	8 Mountain Express	8.10 a.m
No.	22 Local	2.30 p.m
No.	2 New York Express	4.30 p.m
No.	12 First Milk	6.20 p.m
No.	10 Second Milk	7.35 p.m
No.	6 Atlantic Express	8.45 p.m

Trains leave New York at 8.10 and 7.40 a.m., 2.00 and 6.00 p.m.

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In effect Nov 29th, '97.

NORTH

New York Ferries	Daily a m	Daily ex Sun p m	Sun p m
West 23d St.	8 10	... ...	3 50
Cortlandt and Desbrosses St.	8 30	... ...	4 10
Jersey City	8 36	... ...	4 15
Hackensack	9 14	... ...	4 50
Paterson (Broadway)	9 26	.....	5 02
Paterson	9 29	.....	5 04
Two Bridges	10 55	2 50	6 30
Ogdensburg	11 07	3 05	6 49
Franklin	11 12	3 15	6 46
Hamburg	11 20	3 25	6 54
Deckertown	11 28	3 40	7 03
Quarryville	11 50	3 52	7 10
Unionville	11 44	4 04	7 18
Westtown	11 49	4 15	7 24
Johnson	11 55	4 27	7 29
Slate Hill	12 00	4 37	7 34
Middletown	12 12	4 50	7 45

SOUTH.

	Daily ex Sun a m	Sun a m	Daily p m
Middletown	6 56	7 12	5 04
Slate Hill	6 42	7 27	5 15
Johnson	6 48	7 35	5 21
Westtown	6 53	7 43	5 27
Unionville	6 59	7 55	5 34
Quarryville	7 06	8 07	5 43
Deckertown	7 14	8 20	5 51
Hamburg	7 22	8 46	6 00
Franklin Junction	7 27	.....	.....
Franklin	7 29	8 56	6 07
Ogdensburg	7 34	9 06	6 12
Two Bridges	7 51	9 27	6 28
Paterson City	8 03	.....	7 45
Paterson (Broadway)	9 05	10 26	7 48
Hackensack	9 16	10 47	8 01
Jersey City	9 38	11 12	8 27
New York Ferries—			
Cortlandt and Desbrosses St.	9 53	11 23	8 38
West 23d street	10 15	11 45	9 20

†—Stop on signal.

Your Watch Needs Cleaning!

We have no doubt it does. Nine out of every ten watches that fail to give their owners satisfaction need cleaning and oiling. Sometimes the owner neglects it too long and the result is worn pivots and general debility on the part of the watch.

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New Year's Eve, Friday, Dec. 31.

GEO. LEA'S SECOND ANNUAL MASQUERADE BALL!

Will Take Place on the Above Night.

This ball will eclipse anything of the kind ever attempted in Orange county.

$100 IN PRESENTS WILL BE GIVEN AWAY. READ THEM.

To the Lady Wearing the Finest Costume, a Handsome Dress Pattern. To be seen in the store window of Geo. B. Adams & Co., North street.

To the Gentleman Wearing the Most Elaborate Costume, a Celluloid Necktie Box. To be seen in the window of Tuthill's Pharmacy, on James St.

To the Lady Wearing the Most Grotesque Costume, a Pair of Newport Patent Leather Slippers. To be seen in A. Samuels' shoe store, 11 North St.

To the Best Lady Waltzer, a Lady's Hat. To be seen in L. Stern's window, on North street.

To the Homeliest Lady, a Parlor Lamp. To be seen in the window of Crawford's furniture store, on North street.

To the Prettiest Girl, a Bottle of Perfumery. To be seen in the window of McMonagle & Rogers, on North street.

To the Youngest Widow, an Elegant Tea Gown. To be seen in Max Katzinger's window, Franklin Square.

To the Thinnest Man, an Immense Cake. To be seen in Iseman & Son's Bakery, on James street.

To the Gentleman Wearing the Most Grotesque Costume, an Easy Chair. To be seen in the window of France & Hathaway's furniture store, on East Main street.

To the Best Gentleman Waltzer, a Pair of Handsome Slippers. To be seen in the window of Frank W. VanSickle's shoe store, 58 North St.

To the Homeliest Man, a Box of Cigars. To be seen in the window of Mills' Cigar Store, on North street.

To the Person Selling the Most Tickets before the night of the ball, a Ten Dollar Gold Piece. To be seen in H. S. Dusenberry & Son's window on North street.

All the above presents can be seen in the different store windows advertised until 8 p. m. of the night of December 31st.

A SPECIAL ORCHESTRA, with the newest music, has been engaged for the occasion, including some of the members of the WEST POINT BAND. Admission Prices:

Gents' Tickets 50c. Ladies' Tickets 25c. Spectators in the Balcony 25c.

Notice—Tickets purchased any time in advance before 8 o'clock, Thursday night, Dec. 30th, will be entitled to a Ladies' Ticket Free. Advance sale now on sale at H. S. Dusenberry & Son's store.

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THE MILK MARKET.

As Usual, in a Demoralized Condition—Mild Weather and Cheese Factory Milk the Disturbing Elements.

From the Milk Reporter.

Liberal supplies are reaching the market and will continue to do so as long as the present mild condition of the weather prevails.

Quite a little has been added to the regular supply by the entrance of considerable from cheese factories which have closed for the winter. While this has increased the surplus it has not been sufficient to swamp the market, but has merely left it in the demoralized condition which has come to be looked upon as normal.

During the past week a great deal has reached the market in bad condition—principally from the outside, or cheese factory milk. As every can of sour is like taking that much out of the market, it would have been fortunate had considerable more of it spoiled.

A cold spell would brace up the market to such an extent that supply and demand would be about equal. But this would not,—nor would a daily shortage of 500 cans put the market in a healthy condition, because no dealer could be made to believe that such shortage would prevail for any length of time, and no one would have sand enough to name a living price and insist on having it or refuse to serve the customer.

Nothing less than completely wiping out of the present system will avail to remedy the present deplorable condition.

Prices at the Harlem platform for December have ranged from $1.20 to $1.50 per can of forty quarts, freight paid.

MARTHA WASHINGTON REBEKAH LODGE.

Officers Elected, Monday Night—The Rebekah Degree Conferred on Twenty-one Candidates.

Martha Washington Rebekah Lodge, No. 30, I. O. O. F., elected the following officers, last night:

N. G.—Esther Clemson.
V. G.—Mrs. Mary E. Miller.
Rec. Sec.—Mrs. W. R. Phelps.
Fin. Sec.—Mrs. W. H. McQuoid.
Treas.—Mrs. Henry McEwen.
Trustees—Mrs. John Miles, Mrs. Dwight Babcock and Oscar Murray.

The installation of officers will take place, Monday evening, Jan. 3d.

The Rebekah degree was conferred, last night, on twenty-one candidates, of whom thirteen were from Goshen.

When It Is Right to Violate the Game Law.

Lewis Ives, an Oswego county farmer, was tried at Fulton, last week, on a charge of shooting grey squirrels out of season. He claimed that he shot them in order to preserve his orchard and produced witnesses who swore to the damages the squirrels were doing. The jury found a verdict for defendant, holding that he had a right to protect his property.

Needs of the Hudson River State Hospital.

The managers of the Hudson River State Hospital, at their regular meeting, Saturday, voted to ask for an appropriation for the erection of an amusement hall or theatre at the hospital. Their statement of the hospital's needs also includes a considerable sum for making new drives and improving the old ones on the hospital grounds.

Overcome by Coal Gas.

Mrs. Elbot, housekeeper for the late Reuben C. Mead, of Denton, was nearly suffocated, Sunday night, by coal gas, which escaped from a stove in her room. Samuel Creeden and Moses Ferguson, who were watching with Mr. Mead's body, heard moans in her room and going there found her unconscious. Dr. Shelby was summoned and succeeded in restoring her.

A Destructive Fire at Hawley.

A fire which started in the loft of S. R. Evans's barn in Hawley, Pa., Saturday night, destroyed two barns, six dwellings, Evans's dry goods store and Henry Nolan's United States knitting mill, and caused a loss of $25,000; insurance $12,000. The mill employed thirty-five hands. There is little prospect of its being rebuilt.

The Milk Trust.

It is again asserted that the so called milk trust to control the New York milk market is a certainty. The company will be incorporated in New Jersey and with ample capital. It is said that options have been secured on the business of enough dealers to make the success of the new company certain.

Port Jervis Singers Want to Try Priscilla.

Port Jervis singers want to produce Priscilla in that village and a meeting of all who are willing to take part in the opera is to be held, Wednesday evening.

Port Jervis Has Plenty of Water.

The Port Jervis Water Company has taken out its pump, there being no longer any necessity for its use. The old reservoir is full and the new one nearly so.

For Over Fifty Years

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ALL OTHERS ARE WORTHLESS IMITATIONS.

ON THE TIP OF THE TONGUE.

When the first good fall of snow gets here it is proposed to put Wawayanda avenue in fine condition for speeding the fast ones. Ex-Alderman Baldwin intends to sprinkle and roll the boulevard for some distance and will make it desirable for the snow contests.

The boulevard will never be as popular as Highland avenue, however, for the crowd of onlookers can not get there so easily.

About the most atrocious bit of gossip now flying around is to the effect that a certain school ma'am of this city came out of the Casino during a performance of "Priscilla," because she thought it was "suggestive."

O, me! O, my! What do you think of that?

It was a splendid chance, but it flashed in the pan. A chance to make certain who should be the next captain of police, or else the appointment of ward man, if the aldermen should decide to create such an office, has slipped away. The "new journalism" would have had no more shining mark had it only washed out more gold.

Sunday night, an ARGUS representative had occasion to penetrate the bewildering darkness of the editorial stairs and hallway, and was about to unlock the door to the editorial room when a step was heard within. Thinking who ever was present had a right to be there, the writer hesitated, expecting that the spring catch on the inside of the door would be opened by the one within. Another light step was heard, and as no one responded the key was inserted, the door opened, and there in the faint light thrown over the room by the electric light in the street could be seen the faint figure of a man. The desks were pushed about, and the exchange table had been moved over so that the door was barely allowed to open.

He stood with his back toward the reporter, who asked:

"What are you doing here?"

The figure did not move, and then came the grand chance for a "scoop" on the police. Here was burglary, sure enough. The fellow was short and stout, and while his appearance, as near as could be discerned in the dim light, indicated a tough character, he would have been an easy mark for capture by the chief of police to be.

But the reporter didn't like the way in which the fellow kept his face turned away and his failure to respond. Did it mean that he was preparing to act? and were there any more of them?

Perhaps another intruder was in the hall behind ready to hit the reporter on the head with a piece of the office pipe line.

The whole incident had not taken many seconds, but that burglar was getting taller every moment and his shoulders were broadening, and the current on the arc lamp was being cut down. It began to look to the reporter as if it would be a very generous thing to go right over to Capt. Veber with as much haste as possible and tell him there was a nest of burglars in the ARGUS editorial room.

While all these thoughts were going on under the reportorial hat, the burglar stretched his arms and said:

"The foreman said I could sleep here to-night. I worked on 'Billy' Nevin's cases yesterday.

The reporter is not despondent, however; he hopes yet to land the local burglars, and receive the congratulations of the police, the city officials, and any emoluments which such success would insure.

Holiday Train Service on the Erie.

On Christmas and New Year's the Erie announce their trains will be run on holiday schedule as follows: Train 15 and 16, (Orange County,) will run as usual in both directions, and train 38 east at 10:48 will run as usual as will No. 9 west at 11:25 a. m. All other trains will run on Sunday schedule except no train east at 8:23 a. m.

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Decision in the Port Jervis Election Case.

Judge Hirschberg decided, Monday, that Fred Redeker, the Democratic candidate for Overseer of the Poor in the town of Deerpark, who, on the face of the returns was defeated by one vote, is entitled to a mandamus requiring the Board of Town Canvassers to make a recanvass of the so-called void ballots.

Second Presbyterian Church Entertainment.

The Second Presbyterian Church will give its annual Christmas supper and entertainment to the members of its Sunday School, on Thursday evening, Dec. 30.

Miss Allie Hughes, Norfolk, Va., was frightfully burned on the face and neck. Pain was instantly relieved by DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve, which healed the injury without leaving a scar. It is the famous pile remedy. W. D. Olney.

SHOP MEN'S ASSOCIATION.

Officers Elected by the Saw and File Shop Men.

The Monhagen Saw and Eagle File Works' Benevolent Association held its annual election, Monday night, resulting as follows:

President—W. F. Van Nort.
Vice President—Conrad Gerhardt.
Treasurer—Geo. LeFever.
Secretary—W. O. Van Sciver.
Trustees—Wm. Shannon, J. S Reynolds and J. J. LeFever.

The Port Jervis "Chail Is Oudt."

George Fitsworth, the Port Jervis man who was required to give bonds, Saturday, to support his "common law wife," was arrested that evening for drunkenness, but in less than two hours he pried his way out with a stove lifter and going to the Erie yard boarded a west bound freight train.

Erie's New Contract for Hauling D. and H. Coal.

The Delaware and Hudson Canal Company has made a new contract with the Erie for hauling its coal from Honesdale and west from Carbondale, commencing January 1, 1898, by which the former corporation will save $350,000 yearly, or one per cent. on the stock.

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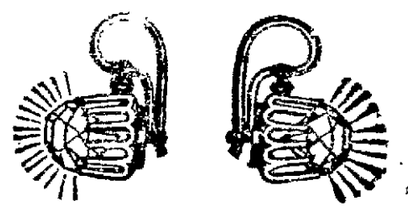

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WEATHER INDICATIONS.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 21.—Rain; clearing Wednesday; colder.

THE TEMPERATURE.

The following was the registry of the thermoom ster at Pronk's drug store, to-day:
7 a. m., 30°; 12 m., 35°; 3 p. m., 34°.

ROBBING THE NATION.

The New York *Sun* of Monday devoted a page and a half to an exposure of the iniquities of the pension system. It points out that both political parties are responsible for existing conditions for they have vied with each other in the recklessness with which they have bestowed the nation's bounty and have removed the safeguards which prudence, regard for the nation's welfare and consideration for the interests of brave, patriotic and worthy veterans required should be put about the pension roll. This reckless pension legislation culminated in the disability act of 1890, the provisions of which are thus summarized by the *Sun*:

—Under this act disabilities have been divided up into eighteenths and twentieths and fiftieths and hundredths. A slight impairment of the sight of one eye is so many hundredths of disability: a slight deafness in one ear is so many hundredths. If the heart puts in four extra beats a minute or four fewer than it ought, that is so many fiftieths or so many hundredths of disability. In truth, the only way a man can escape getting a pension under that act is to be absolutely perfect physically, and the only way a widow can escape it is by having an income sufficient to maintain herself and all her children without work. That is no exaggeration.

The administration of this wide open pension law is so lax that the *Sun* charges that by fraud and perjury the "pension rolls have been padded almost beyond belief." It gives some startling figures in support of this allegation. Taking the figures of the census of 1890 and the estimates of Pension Commissioners as to the number of "survivors," the *Sun* finds that there are now on the pension rolls 6,405 more "survivors" than can possibly be living while there are 187,500 "survivors" demanding pensions. The only possible explanation is that deserters and bounty jumpers, who under no law are entitled to pensions, have secured places on the pension roll or that by fraud and perjury persons who never served in the army are drawing pensions intended for the brave defenders of our country.

The root of the evil in the administration of the pension laws, the *Sun* thinks, is to be found in the local boards of Pension Examining Surgeons who examine residents of their own localities,—friends and neighbors, perhaps, and who, under the influence of local feeling, forget their duty to the government and magnify petty "disabilities" and discover those which do not exist in applicants for pensions whom they examine.

"Purging the pension rolls" is the remedy suggested by all who realize the magnitude of the frauds which are perpetrated. Pension Bureau officials say, however, that this is a well nigh hopeless task for they sorrowfully admit that public sentiment has become so debauched by long familiarity with pension iniquity that citizens and worthy pensioners do all they can to baffle and defeat the efforts of special agents to unearth and expose frauds and protect the government. Moreover, demagogues have so played upon the honorable feeling of a nation's gratitude to its brave defenders that it is regarded as an odious thing to question any pensioner's right to the stipend he receives and so in the popular mind the distinction between the worthy and unworthy is entirely obliterated.

The treasury deficit is forcing the pension question prominently to the front and it is an encouraging sign that many leading papers are discussing it fearlessly and frankly. The problem is a very serious one for the detection and prevention of fraud seems almost hopeless.

TWO CASES OF SHOPLIFTING

A Woman Caught Stealing Lace—A Young Man's Attempt to Rob a Jeweler.

A respectable and well connected woman was caught "euting" a piece of lace in a dry goods store in this city, a day or two ago. She was made to give up the lace and was allowed to go.

A young man entered a jewelry store here, a few days ago, and looked at finger rings saying that he wanted one for his "best girl." His itching palm closed on one of the rings and he started for the door saying he would be back to make his selection in a day or two. The jeweler started for the door at the same time and got there first, and made the would-be thief stand and deliver.

Cascarets stimulate liver, kidneys and bowels. Never sicken, weaken or gripe. Ten cents.

KILLED BY A FALL.

A Daughter of Ex-Secretary of the Navy Herbert May Have Committed Suicide.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21—Miss Leila Herbert, daughter of ex-Secretary of the Navy Herbert, died, to-day, as a result of a fall, some time ago, from a horse. She has been ill and weak ever since, but the immediate cause of death was a fall, this morning, from the upper story of her home.

Her death was reported to police headquarters as a suicide due to melancholy and temporary aberration of mind as a result of long illness, but friends of the family believe the fall was accidental.

Miss Herbert was the eldest of the ex-Secretary's three children and was a charming figure in Washington society. She was exceeding popular, her presence was sought at all gatherings and her social triumphs were repeated in Europe when she attended the demonstration at Kiel.

LATER—A gentleman familiar with the facts gives the following statement:

Miss Herbert had been suffering from melancholia for several weeks as a result of injuries sustained in falling from a horse. Fearing suicideal tendencies, which are common in such cases, nurses were provided to maintain a close watch.

This morning, the nurse noticed a small spot of blood on the bed covering. The invalid endeavored to pass it over lightly. Investigation showed that the bed clothes were saturated with blood and that the patient had severed an artery in her wrist with scissors.

Feeling that the emergency was great the nurse hastened to the door and called out an alarm. During her momentary withdrawal Miss Herbert, who had been quiet and rational all the forenoon, sprang through a window.

The plunge was head foremost and she struck the top of her head on the asphalt pavement. This alone was sufficient to cause immediate death. The severing of the artery would have resulted fatally.

HOTEL AND THEATRE BURNED.

Kansas City's Auditorium Theatre and Hotel Destroyed.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 21.—The Auditorium, the largest and finest play house west of Chicago, and the Auditorium Hotel, one of the most fashionable family hostelries in the city, were gutted by fire, early this morning. The property loss aggregates $450,000. The 105 guests escaped. The insurance, which, owing to high rates had been allowed to lapse partly, is only $85,000.

The fire originated in crossed electric wires on the sixth floor of the hotel. The delay in getting good streams going enabled the flames to get beyond control. The fire starting so high, allowed the guests below to get most of their valuables out.

The Woodward Stock Co. saved the bulk of their property in the theatre.

THE BANCROFT FIRED ON.

Turkey Has Apologized and Punished the Offenders.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 21.—It appears that when U. S. Bancroft arrived at Smyrna during the night of Dec 4, she was greeted with a blank cannon shot and rifle bullets from Yenikale Forr. A boat from the warship, sent shoreward for an explanation, was fired upon and and compelled to return. Thereupon the Admiral lodged a protest with Minister Angell, who demanded the punishment of the guilty parties and apology from the Turkish Government. The apology was given Sunday last and two Turkish officers have been dismissed and sentenced to a week's arrest.

A CRIPPLE'S HARD LUCK.

Walked 590 Miles on Crutches to Marry a Kansas Widow and Then she Wouldn't Have Him.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS

TOPEKA, Dec 21.—Reuben Lane walked on crutches from Barnesborough, Pa., to Topeka, 590 miles, in order to marry Mrs. Eliza Anna Parker. When he arrived she refused to have him. He has employed a lawyer and will sue for breech of promise. He is a widower thirty three years of age and she is a widow of sixty. They became engaged through a matrimonial agency. It took Lane thirty-six days to make the trip.

FARMER NICHOLS' MURDERER SENTENCED

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS

BRIDGEPORT, Dec. 21.—Chas. Bonnay was found guilty of murder in the first degree for killing Geo. Nichols. He was sentenced, this afternoon, to be hanged April 11.

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A crowd of people, which filled the auditorium almost to the limit, witnessed the third exhibition, last night, of the wonderful powers possessed by the Boy Phenomenon, who by simply using his hands effects remarkable cures.

The fame of the healer had gone before him, and when the opening hour had arrived cripples of every description were crowded together in the aisles of the auditorium awaiting their turn to go upon the stage and be treated. There were people with rheumatism, people with suffened and withered limbs and almost every other affliction known to the medical profession.

All the patients treated were apparently benefitted in a remarkable manner, and many who were skeptical when they came went away firmly believing in the powers of the young physician.

A RUNAWAY TRAIN.

Caused the Loss of Three Lives and Much Damage to Property.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

ALTOONA, Pa., Dec. 21.—As a result of last night's freight wreck, caused by a runaway train on the Pennsylvania Railroad, three men were killed and locomotives and cars damaged to the amount of $75,000. Brakeman Hunner, one of victims, could be heard talking for hours after the wreck, but he couldn't be reached till the mass of debris had crushed him to death.

BRITISH WARSHIP TO GO TO CHINA

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—A special dispatch from Brest says the cruiser Jean Bart has been ordered to proceed immediately to China.

Fire Insurance Loss Adjusted.

The loss by the burning of the Agricultural Society's barn was adjusted, today, by the payment of $1,000, the full amount of the policy. E. E. Conkling was the agent.

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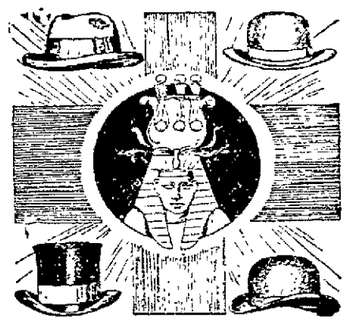
No. 11 West Main Street. Telephone 166.

HOLIDAY ANNOUNCEMENT.



Our Holiday Hat is a beauty, Fur and Cloth Caps, all grades; Mittens and Gloves, all grades. Silk and cassimer Mufflers and Silk Handkerchiefs. Silk Umbrellas or a nice Mackintosh Coat, Underwear and Hosiery.

Ready-made Clothing Sale—We are selling it fast at the price we are offering it at. People know good goods. Now is your time to buy a Suit, Overcoat or Ulster Coat. We want the money and they must go.

MERCHANT TAILORING DEPARTMENT.

Is booming with orders. We still have a good selection of Foreign and Domestic Cloths and people appreciate good work and style at our prices. All are invited to call at

JOHN E. ADAMS,

Leading Hatter and Clothier, No. 41 North Street.

A HOLIDAY DISPLAY!

10,000 Fancy Articles for Old and Young.

LOW PRICES RULE.

1,000 doz. Handkerchiefs from 5c to 25c,—an Endless Variety.

Ask for our holiday specials in Skirts and Dress Goods, on which we have placed CUT PRICES.

H. E. CHURCHILL & CO.,

No. 39 North Street.

Slippers for Holiday Presents.

"The Hub" Shoe Store,

13 West Main Street.

Next to Carson & Towner's.

Men's Slippers 50c upwards.

Boys' Slippers 50c upwards.

Ladies' Beaver Nullifiers 95c.

Boys' and Girls' Rubber Boots at very low prices.

ATTENTION!

Bear in mind before making your Christmas selections, that we have a complete line of

HOLIDAY GIFTS!

such as

Handkerchiefs,

in Swiss, Linen and Silk.

Silk Mufflers, Gents' Ties

in 4 in-Hands, Tecks, Bows and Strings.

Smith & Angell's Hosiery

in cotton and wool. Guaranteed not to crock off. We have them for either men, women or children

Pocketbooks of All Descriptions and a Nice Line of Silver Novelties.

We Give Trading Stamps.

J. D. HORTON, AGT.,

No. 27 West Main Street.

I. B. A. TAYLOR & CO.,

DEALERS IN ALL KINDS OF

COAL!

All our COAL is screened by the POCKET SYSTEM, thereby insuring to the consumer clean coal.

Taylor's Coal Yard,

NO. 30 WEST MAIN ST., CORNER MILL ST.

Can We Aid Your Selections?

—The gift of a book is a compliment alike to the intelligence of recipient and giver. We have the books to select from.

—Fine Stationery in dainty boxes for dainty gifts.

—Toilet Sets, Manicures, etc. The finest line in the city

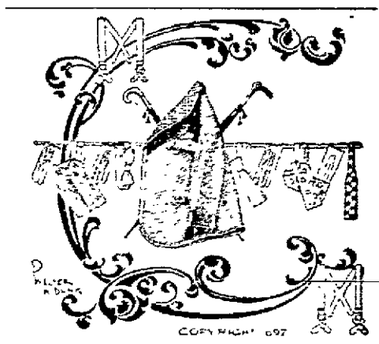
—Oxford Teacher's Bibles, Prayers and Hymnals in all bindings.

—Games, Blocks and other things for the children.

—Nothing more appropriate for an artistic gift than our Medallions and Framed Pictures.

Hanford & Horton,

No. 6 North St., Middletown.



A Christmas Display

of goods dear to the masculine heart we are displaying this week, for those who wish to please their male friends by gifts that will make them rise up and call you blessed.

Fine Umbrellas, Men's Driving and Street Gloves, Scarfs, Mufflers, Fine Suspenders, House Coats, Smoking Jackets, Ulsters, Overcoats, Horse Blankets and Robes.

GEO. W. YOUNG.

WANTED.

Pair Good Oxen in exchange for pair farm horses. Address, with particulars, at once,
G. F. HARDING,
Wurtsboro, N. Y.

Holiday. Rush!

Our store is lively with a rush of buyers

Our prices must be right.

Our stock is the kind of presents appreciated most by men and boys.

Ours is the useful kind.

We have received, today, New Neckwear, Gloves, Mufflers, etc.

MORRIS B. WOLF

No. 10 North St., Mid

AT STERN'S.

A Few Items Worth Mentioning.

Our Millinery Department is as near perfection as it can be made. The entire winter stock is all in—no need for ladies waiting for other styles. Endless variety of Ladies', Misses' and Children's Winter Cloaks. We are acknowledged leaders in these lines. Our assortment is too large and the space too mall to mention the different designs and prices. Come and see. Ladies' Shirt Waists in all prices. We have a fine Outing Flannel Waist at 48c. A Plaid Waist, latest cut, detachable collar and cuffs for 98c.—A beauty. Have sold over 25 dozen. Nice enough to wear to a ball. Over 200 Silk Waists in stock. Every style and quality represented from $2.48 up. No such assortment elsewhere. All at our Handsome Store. If you need a Separate Dress Skirt, remember we are headquarters.

L. STERN, 13-15 NORTH ST

It Has Seemed Like Old Times

IN

Our Warerooms for the Last Few Days.

We have actually been unable to give every one of our patrons the attention we would like, but we are not surprised, as we have just the goods the public want for Christmas presents, and the prices are not much more than half of former years. Novelties in Furniture, Crockery and Bric a-Brac on every hand. We set out this year with the determination to remove the necessity for any person going out of town to buy their X-mas presents. We can suit everybody from 1 cent to $100. Just think what a nice present a first-class Sewing Machine at $17.50 or a $75 Orange County Express Bicycle at $40 would make. Respectfully

C. Emmet Crawford,

44 AND 46 NORTH STREET.

Christmas Gifts, dainty and pleasing!

Fine Perfumery, Toilet Water, Cologne, etc., our own make in pretty bottles and boxes, all in good taste, all at moderate cost. Come and see for yourself

Our Italian Violet is the marvel of the day; who wouldn't be pleased with it? There's not much in a name, other perfumers use the name Italian Violet—but it is our Extract Italian Violet which alone creates a sensation among lovers of sweet scents. It is wholly different from any other—rivalling fresh Violets.

Or perhaps a real good hair brush would please you; these we have, firm hard bristles in solid backs—a perfect brush.

Or a box of Elegant Toilet Soap or—or—or—

McMonagle & Rogers, 30 North St. and 155 North St. (North Side Pharmacy).

Huyler's Candies for the holidays at McMonagle & Rogers', 30 North St.

CHRISTMAS

you wish to make as many presents this year as last and can only afford half the amount of money to devote to them, call and see us, where you can buy all kinds of

FURNITURE and CROCKERY

at prices to suit your pocketbooks.

Handsome Rockers

of every description, for many of which we have the sole agency.

WRITING DESKS, MUSIC CABINETS, ODD PARLOR PIECES, STANDS, PICTURES, EASELS, SCREENS, WHITE ENAMELED GOODS, ELEGANT DINNER AND TEA SETS, FANCY CUPS AND SAUCERS, ETC., ETC.

LAMPS

that speak for themselves.

☞Goods can be selected any time and be delivered CHRISTMAS EVE. Be glad to have you come and see our stock, whether you purchase or not.

THE CHEAPEST PLACE IN THE CITY.

FRANCE & HATHAWAY,

27 EAST MAIN STREET

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

—For Christmas, C. N. Predmore & Son.
—Fresh oysters at Totten's.
—Holiday goods at Morris B Wolf's.
—Clearing sale of hats at Frank Crawford's.
—Meats of all kinds cheap at J. M Phillips'.
—Holiday neckwear at Budwig & Co.'s.
—For Christmas, Bull & Youngblood.
—Fine perfumes at W. D. Olney's.
—"Miss Brevity of Hong Kong," at Casino, Monday evening.
—Fresh killed turkeys at W. J Greening's.
—When ailing, take Munyon's Remedies.
—Backache cured by Benson's Capcine Plasters
—Colds cured by Hale's Horehound, Honey and Tar.
—Dyspepsia cured by Dr. Dean's Dyspepsia Pills
—For kidney troubles, take Kennedy's Favorite Remedy.

LIVE LOCAL TOPICS.

—Vernon Brothers, to-night.

—Boy Phenomenon at the Casino, to-night.

—Regular meeting of Capt. Jackson Post, to-night.

—Vernon Brothers, at the First Congregational Church, to-night.

—Don't fail to hear the Vernon Brothers, to-night. They are fine.

—Are you going to see Dorothy Morton at the Casino, next Monday evening?

—Pretty, pleasing, petite Dorothy Morton at the Casino, next Monday evening.

—The barbers of the city have agreed to close their shops at noon on Christmas Day.

—The Newburgh Baptist Church raised $1,200. Sunday, toward paying off its floating debt.

—Gotthold's company of vaudeville artists and specialty performers at the Casino, Christmas evening.

—Annual communication and election of officers of Hoffman Lodge, No. 412, F. and A. M., this evening.

—The addition to the Hudson River States Hospital has been completed and the keys turned over to the superintendent.

—The directors of the Newburgh wire and nail works met, Monday, and discussed a proposition for the purchase of the plant.

—There are seventy-nine condensed milk factories in the country. A new one of large capacity is to be erected in Anderson, Ind.

—W. Clement Scott, who has been special agent for the Highland Mutual Insurance Company of Newburgh, has been elected treasurer of the company.

—There will be no matinee at the Casino, on Christmas, as some of the specialty performers are to appear at some of the New York theatres in the afternoon and will come to this city in time for the evening performance.

—The Vernon Brothers give an entertainment of real merit and the price has been placed so low that every one can enjoy it. They have appeared in twenty-two States and contemplate a European tour in the near future. At the First Congregational Church, to-night. Admission ten and fifteen cents.

PERSONAL.

—Michael Cranson, of Jersey City, is in town visiting relatives and friends.

—Miss Flora Horton returned, last evening, from a two weeks visit at Lakewood, N. J.

—Mrs. E. M. Gordon, of Port Jervis, is visiting her mother, Mrs. W. E. Arnout, near Dolsontown.

—J. B. Staples, passenger trainmaster, and W. F. Casey, station supervisor, of the Erie, were in town, to-day.

—Judge Brown and his family are living in New York. The judge comes to Newburgh every Saturday.—*Newburgh Press.*

EMBLEMS OF GOOD LUCK.

A Tramp Who Did a Good Business in Gilded Horse Shoes.

A tramp, evidently in hard luck, was "working an old grant" in this city, Monday. His plan was to enter a business place and offer a gilded horse shoe to the proprietor saying that it was a free will offering and that he hoped it would bring good luck. Incidentally he would explain that he had found the horse shoe in front of the store, and having nothing else to do, had gilded it, (that being his trade) and then since luck wasn't coming his way, had concluded to give the emblem of good luck to the man in front of whose door it had laid.

In several instances the man was given quarters and half-dollars for his "free will offerings," for no one had the nerve to take good luck from a suffering tramp without giving him a little something for luck.

In only one instance that we have heard of was the tramp's proffer of a horse shoe refused and that was where the quick eye of a merchant detected the rattle of other horse shoes in the fellow's pockets or "up his sleeve."

M. Lewis Clark to Be Buried in Hillside Cemetery.

Knapp & Merritt have been notified that the remains of M. Lewis Clark, who died in Buffalo, Saturday, will be brought here on Erie No. 10, to-morrow morning. The funeral will be held in the Episcopal Church at 10:30. Burial in Hillside.

Christmas Services at Grace Church.

Rector Evans announces that services will be held at Grace Church, Christmas Day, at 7:30 a. m. and 11 a. m. Holy communion will celebrated at both services, and there will be a brief address at the 11 o'clock service.

Preparing the Holiday Decorations.

Jacob Gunther secured several bags of ground pine near Midway Park, Monday afternoon, which artists have been putting up in his cafe, to day.

TWO MISSING BOYS.

Hoik B. Campbell and Arthur B. Holden Left Home, Monday, and Have Not Been Heard from Since—They Drew About $100 from the Savings Bank—Probably in New York Taking a Look at the Christmas Display.

Hoik B. Campbell, the sixteen-year-old son of Hoik D. Campbell, and Arthur B. Holden, the sixteen-year-old son of William H. Holden, of Mechanictown, are missing from their homes, and considerable anxiety is felt by their parents as to their whereabouts.

Young Holden attended the High School in this city, and started from home as usual yesterday morning. He did not return last night, and inquiry this morning develops the fact that he failed to put in an appearance at school, yesterday. It was further ascertained that he visited the Savings Bank, where he had a deposit of fifty or sixty dollars. He drew his balance, and it was learned that he purchased a new suit of clothes at a clothing store on North street.

This is the last trace his father has been able to obtain of him.

Young Campbell, who attended the Misses Porter's school, did not put in an appearance yesterday, and when he did not return home last night an investigation was began, but no trace of him has been found.

Inquiry at the railroad ticket offices in this city has failed to throw any light on the disappearance of the lads.

The mothers of the boys are almost prostrated by their disappearance. Descriptions of the boys have been printed in circulars, which will be distributed at stations along the several lines of railroad running out of this city. Any information concerning the runaways will be gladly received by their parents.

The boys are known to have spent several hours at the Atlas Cycle Club in the Stern building, yesterday morning. Young Campbell gave his bank book to a lad named Misner, who is a member of the club, requesting him to keep it for him, but did not give any intimation of his intention to leave the city. An examination of the bank book showed that over $40 had been drawn from the bank, yesterday. Young Campbell is known to have had several dollars besides in his possession.

Both the missing boys are bright lads, able to look out for themselves under ordinary conditions. They have doubtless gone to take a look at the Christmas side of life in New York, and may be expected to return home as soon as their money is gone and the novelty of life in the big world wears off.

It is reported this afternoon that Expressman Johnson saw the boys board the O and W. day express for New York, yesterday afternoon.

How Henry Divers' Jaw Was Broken.

Henry Divers, who had his jaw broken at Mechanictown, Saturday, though employed by Hudson E. Hulse, was drawing coal for himself when the accident occurred, and left home against Mr. Hulse's advice. He did not come to this city, but got his coal at Mechanictown. He also visited the Cottage Hotel, and it seems drank more than he could carry, for he fell from the wagon as soon as he took his seat on it, and the wheel running over his jaw broke it in two places.

Drs. Connor and Pilsbury and Dentist Royce set the jaw at the latter's office, to-day.

An Attractive Bit of Railroad Advertising.

The Erie has issued an attractive circular announcing a holiday pleasure excursion from Homellsville to Buffalo, Friday, Dec. 31st. An illustration "The Flight of Time," representing Father Time standing on the rear end of a Pullman coach handing an Erie time table to the youth of 1898, who is perched on the pilot of an engine following. J. O. Prescott is the excursion manager for the Buffalo Division.

Want a Federal Judgship for Judge Dickey.

From the Newburgh Register.

Among the candidates mentioned for the place on the bench of the United States District Court, made vacant by the death of Asa W. Tenney, is Justice William D. Dickey. Many citizens of Newburgh hope this important office will find Judge Dickey. He is not seeking the office himself, but some of his friends are pointing him out as a most available candidate.

Censuses in Incorporated Village.

Under the laws of 1897 every incorporated village in the State of New York must make an enumeration of its inhabitants between Jan 1st and 20th.

The primary object of these enumerations is to determine the amount of tax to be paid by liquor dealers, the amount to be paid depending on the size of the village.

The Contrariness of Things.

All skaters and the small boy in especial are convinced of the contrariness of things because just as soon as there was a prospect of ice for skating, snow fell and spoiled it, while of snow there wasn't enough for coasting or any other useful purpose.

A Cloak Manufacturers' Heavy Loss

M. Goldberg, cloak manufacturers of 600 Broadway, for whom H. D. Campbell, of this city, is salesman, sustained a loss of $40,000 by fire, on Thursday last. The loss was covered by insurance.

Funeral of Reuben C. Mead.

Funeral services over the remains of the late Reuben C. Mead were held at 1:30, to-day, at Denton. Rev. Dr. Beattie, of this city, and Rev. Mr. Hallock, of the Denton Church, officiated.

OBITUARY.

Winfield Beyea.

Winfield Beyea died at 8 o'clock, this morning, at his home near Howells Depot.

Rev. Augustus E. Relyea.

Rev. Augustus E. Relyea, pastor of the Liberty Baptist Church, died in that village, Sunday morning, aged forty years. He was a native of Newburgh, and became pastor of the Liberty Church only two months ago. He leaves a widow.

William H. Stewart.

William H. Stewart, a brother of James L. Stewart, of this city, died at his home in Waverly, Saturday, of Bright's disease, aged eighty-six years. He was born near this city and was one of the Erie's first conductors and ran the first passenger train into Dunkirk in 1851, when the completion of the Erie road was celebrated by a grand excursion in which President Millard Fillmore and his cabinet took part. His wife, Caroline, a daughter of Nathan Hulse, of this city, died in September 1896. Mr. Stewart is survived by a daughter, Mary C., of Waverly.

BURGLAR FRIGHTENED AWAY.

John F. Dusenberry's Dog Was on Duty, Monday Night.

Between 2 and 3 o'clock, this morning, John F. Dusenberry was awakened by hearing some one working at the handle of the rear kitchen door at his home on Broad street. His big dog heard the noise at the same moment, and flew to the door, making a racket which at once altered the burglar's plans. He was heard tiptoeing away, and this morning was tracked from the rear steps across the Gunther property to East Main street.

Mrs. B. F. Gordon, who resides next door, heard some one trying the blinds of the Dusenberry house just a few moments before the back door was tried.

FREED FROM MARRIAGE BONDS.

Lizzie Finch Granted an Absolute Divorce from Glover Finch.

Judge Hirschberg granted, Saturday, an absolute divorce to Lizzie Finch from her husband, Glover Finch, upon the statutory grounds upon the report of referee Daniel Finn. The plaintiff is permitted to resume her maiden name, Lizzie Brown. O'Neill & Royce were attorneys for the plaintiff

Badly Burned by an Explosion of Petroleum.

Harry Phillips, of the tug James L. Logan, of Newburgh, was shockingly burned about the head and face, Monday, when about to enter the boat's boiler, by the explosion of a quantity of petroleum which had been used before and which ignited from a torch which he carried. He was taken to St. Luke's Hospital and it is hoped his eyesight may be saved.

Justice Bartlett Redesignated to the Appellate Bench.

Gov. Black has redesignated Justice Willard Bartlett, of Brooklyn, as an Associate Justice of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court in the First Judicial Department for a further term of five years from Jan. 1 next, and has also designated Justice John Woodward, of Jamestown, as an Associate Justice in the same department for a similar term.

Fire in an Abandoned Sewer.

Accumulations of naphtha, tar and oil in an old sewer leading from the Kingston gas works, caught fire, Sunday evening, and made a troublesome though not dangerous fire. It was necessary to shovel ashes on the flames to extinguish them, water when thrown on the blazing mass only scattering the flames and making them more dangerous.

A Surprise Party.

About forty friends of Miss Minnie Hopkins gave her a pleasant surprise at her home, No. 263 East Main street, Monday night. Dancing and games were the amusements of the evening and it was not until 3 o'clock, this morning, that the guests dispersed. Barnes' orchestra furnished music for dancing.

Serious Accident at Summitville.

Samuel A. Adams, Summitville's best known citizen, met with a serious accident, Saturday, in the grist mill which he runs in connection with his store. His arm caught in the machinery and was badly crushed, it being necessary to cut several belts in order to release him.

A Successful Mushroom Grower.

William Miller, a weaver who has a small place at West Newburgh, is an expert raiser of mushrooms and gathers large quantities from his beds which he sells to Demonico and other proprietors of restaurants in New York.

Catarrh for Twenty Years and Cured in a Few Days.

Nothing too simple, nothing too hard for Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder to give relief in an instant. Hon. George James, of Scranton, Pa., says: "I have been a martyr to catarrh for twenty years constant coughing, dropping in the throat and pain in the head, very offensive breath. I tried Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder. The first application gave instant relief. After using a few bottles all these, symptoms of catarrh left me. It is a great remedy."

Sold by James T. King and McMonagle & Rogers.

After serious illness, like typhoid fever, pneumonia or the grip, Hood's Sarsaparilla has wonderful strength-giving power.

AT THE COUNTY SEAT.

INCIDENTS AND HAPPENINGS IN GOSHEN TOWN.

An Enjoyable Parlor Entertainment—Opening of the Palm Garden—Cataracts' Hop—The Forest of Dance—Masonic Election.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

—A series of parlor entertainments, such as have been given for a few years past, has been arranged for this winter at the home of Rev. and Mrs. R. B. Clark. The first was a vocal concert given, last evening, by the Templar male quartette, assisted by Miss Carolyn Howland and Mrs. C. H. Sweezy and W. W. Whiddit. The occasion was a very enjoyable one as an evening of entertainment and sociability. About fifty were present.

—The Palm Garden had a grand opening, last night. All the liquid refreshments with which mortal man is wont to regale his interior, were on tap. Parkins' orchestral music furnished the inspiration, if, indeed, inspiration was necessary, whereby the thirsty in attendance "downed the demon" and his cohorts. The place is elegantly fitted up and the proprietor, Mr. Blackman, intends to make his place a model establishment of its kind.

—The next dance of Cataract Engine and Hose Co. will be given on Christmas night. Wilson's orchestra.

—The Foresters' dance and supper, to-morrow night, at Summers' Hall will be the third annual gathering of the lodge. The members and their friends are looking forward to an unusually good time.

—Goshen Lodge, F. A. M., elected officers, last evening:

M.—Geo. H. Mills.
S. W.—Frank A. Wright.
J. W.—E. L. Roys.
Treasurer—H. A. Horton.
Secretary—C. E. Wright.
S. D.—G. W. Crist.
J. D.—F. C. Hayne.
S. M. C.—A. Lippert.
J. M. C.—J. T. Bailey.
T.—Alex Vandermark.
Trustee—M. Jonas.

FIREMEN'S RELIEF ASSOCIATION.

Election of Officers—Sick Benefits to the Amount of $300 Paid During the Year

The second annual meeting of the Middletown Firemen's Relief and Benefit Association was held in its rooms in Bull's Opera House, Monday evening. The following officers were elected:

President—Edward A. Lorentz.
Vice President—Wm. Pohlman.
Secretary—Thomas Gillen.
Treasurer—Chas. Higham.
Trustee—Edwin Thorpe, (3 years); Carl A. Johnson, (2 years); Thos. A. March (1 year).

This association was started two years ago by fourteen members of Hamilton Council, No. 14, Order of American Firemen, when it disbanded. It pays a sick benefit of $5 per week and each member is assessed one dollar upon the death of a member.

During the year $300 has been distributed to sick firemen, as follows:

Henry Funnell	$45 00
Ira Clauson	30 00
John L. Miller	10 00
E. W. Mitchell	10 00
Chas. Terbush	10 00
Dwight Babcock	15 00
Geo. H. Clark	35 00
David Crosby	10 00
Fred Cordier	30 00
M. J. Burke	10 00
John S. Cooper	10 00
Thos. A. March	25 00
Oliver Corwin	30 00
Thos. M. Gillen	10 00
John J. Wood	20 00

The secretary and treasurer reports show the following healthy condition:

Balance on hand Dec 1, '96	$300 85	
Receipts during year	375 79	
Total		$676 64
Paid sick benefits	$300 00	
Secretary's postage and rent	24 20	
Miscellaneous	7 55	
Total		$331 75
Balance on hand		$344 89

The association now has a membership of 135.

THROWN FROM HIS WAGON.

William Johnson Meets With an Accident at Pilgrim's Corners.

William Johnson, who drives Samuel Beasley's express wagon, met with an accident at Pilgrim's Corners, Monday afternoon, when his wagon and a heavy farm wagon came in collision. Johnson's wagon was upset and he was thrown to the hard ground, but escaped with slight bruises. The horse was captured before any further damage was done.

Shut Down for a Month.

The Wallkill Hat Works were shut down, Monday night, for about a month. During the shut down a Hogan boiler is to be substituted for the boiler at present in use.

Will Realize About $200.

Thrall Hospital will clear about $200 as the result of "Priscilla," and Mr. Macomber receives the same amount.

Biliousness

Is caused by torpid liver, which prevents digestion and permits food to ferment and putrify in the stomach. Then follow dizziness, headache,

Hood's Pills

insomnia, nervousness, and, if not relieved, bilious fever or blood poisoning. Hood's Pills stimulate the stomach, [illegible] the liver, cure headache, dizziness, constipation, etc. 25 cents. Sold by all druggists. The only Pills to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Rehearsal of "The Messiah" in This City, To-night.

The Goshen Vocal Society will meet with Middletown singers for rehearsal in the chapel of the First Presbyterian Church, this city, at 8 o'clock, to-night. The last rehearsal of "The Messiah" will be held in the chapel of the Goshen Presbyterian Church, Thursday evening of this week. A full attendance is desired at both rehearsals.

Sneak Thieves De-pelled Allan W. Corwin's Wardrobe.

Allan W. Corwin, who arrived home from Harvard Law School, Saturday, is mourning the loss of his winter overcoat and other articles of wearing apparel of the latest design, which were taken from his room at Cambridge a few days before he left.

Royal makes the food pure, wholesome and delicious.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER

Absolutely Pure

ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO., NEW YORK.

An Illustration.

Why do you wish to overcharge a customer 50c on $10 worth of goods so as to return it in some dumbfool way in 5 10 30, 60 or 90 days? Why not charge the customer the $9.50 if you can afford it, and save all this red tape nonsense? Why not?

GEO. B. ADAMS.

From the New York Dry Goods Chronicle.

We learn from the Schenectady "Star" that the Chief of Police of that city had announced his intentions to do away with the Trading Stamps, and that he would allow merchants one week in which to close up their transactions in that line. The paper further states that the merchants who have been giving stamps realize that they have been violating the law. Merchants of Middletown, N. Y., are also reported as contemplating united action against stamps and similar schemes, and the "Times" there reports that the manager of the stamp company there says that he has an opinion from Secretary Gage in which the business is declared perfectly legal. "Verily, he doth protest too much."

GEO. B. ADAMS & CO.

will close out many lines of

NOVELTIES IN HOLIDAY GOODS THIS WEEK!

Vantine Crockery marked below cost, We want to close this whole line.

Indian Baskets are also doomed to go—25c Baskets at 10c each.

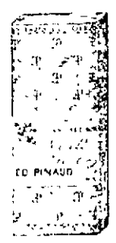
Gent's Dress Suit Cases 22 24 and 26 inch, from $3 each up

Handkerchiefs, Pocketbooks, Umbrellas, Kid Gloves, Hosiery, Cloaks, Capes, Furs, Silks Dress Goods, and all regular lines of goods are stronger than ever, as good sensible gifts seem to be in favor this year. Call at the big store

GEO. B. ADAMS & CO.

Dec 31st, 1897, is the last day of our Great Carpet Sale.

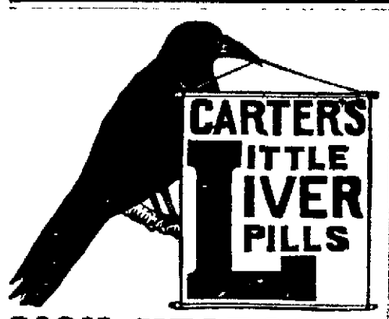
Geo B. Adams & Co.



Ed. Pinaud's Exquisite Parisian Perfumes.

Nothing can be more pleasing or appropriate for a holiday gift than a bottle of these famous perfumes. We have the agency.

OLNEY'S PHARMACY, FRANKLIN SQUARE.



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The Santa Fe and Erie sales,
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And then, although I never read
His anecdotes of pork and wheat
And mining stocks, and though, indeed,
My ignorance is quite complete
Concerning rate per cent and price
And foreign purchase and demand,
I understood him at a trice
And smiled on him and grasped his hand.

Because, I, too, have felt that thrill
Of keen delight and pride and joy,
Which no man knows or feels until,
With penny tightly clutched, his boy
Of two or thereabouts has gone
As valiant as an emperor
(Though unattended and alone)
To patronize the candy store.

Leaving the Hospital.

THE nurse came in at seven o'clock and found that Mrs. Johnson had already risen and dressed herself. Her only incompleteness of toilet was the neglect of her hair. If you are a woman with a great mass of brown hair it is a sweet pleasure to wait for some one else to come and comb it out for you of a morning. Mrs. Johnson had always "fenced" her own hair before coming to the hospital, and the sort of feeling that the deft fingers of a white-capped nurse had grasped that responsibility was very comforting. It even stole away some of the horror of the stitching to lie there quietly in the high-legged bed while the young woman talked in a soothing voice and brushed out the long strands and told her how pretty it all was, and mentioned the woman who had had typhoid fever and whose every lock and curl had fallen a sacrifice to the shears of the hospital barber. Yes, yes; there is a luxury in having somebody else "fend" your hair if you are one unused to that kind of thing.

So Mrs. Johnson, realizing that now she must go back to the seven children and to the busy life at home, waited for the nurse to come and for the last time administer this delight. To-morrow she would have to snatch time between the dressing of Hilde and the sending to school of Ernest to perform this function with her own hands, as she had done in the years before she was admitted to the hospital. It was a long time back, that day of admission. It seemed to her sometimes that she had always been an occupant of that little three-bedded room, whereas she had been a dweller therein but a space of eight weeks. But that is eight centuries in a hospital. She looked across the room and calculated that Miss Finshaw, who was in for the straightening of an instep so that she might walk on her sole like other mortals instead of on tiptoe, was the fourth person who had rested for a time in the bed with the brass knobs; while the other bed, now without a tenant, had felt the pressure of a woman with a goitre, a girl who had died on the second day after her arrival, and an old lady with a gloomy sort of ailment which defied the doctors and which caused her to weep freely and ring her bell for the nurse incessantly. The doctors at last told the old lady's son that his mother was lonesome, which was the most of her complaint. Her husband had been killed by a cable car two years before, and she had grieved for him with whom she had been yoked for 50 years, and this alone—was the malady from which she was suffering.

Mrs. Johnson, dressing that morning in anticipation of the coming of her husband, thought pensively of her former associates. On that day when the girl had been pushed out of the room as the ghostly whisper which the hardened patients called the "banana cart" Mrs. Johnson had tried to follow mentally the course of events. But she could not. Her thoughts were not able enough until they reached the door of the convalescent room where the white-clad doctors with their sterilized clothes and bandages and towels filed in once across the threshold the whole thing became a matter of conjecture, for up to that time Mrs. Johnson had not of herself passed the portal. She could only wait and guess and wonder. After a long time the girl was again pushed into the room and the white and gasping girl was placed upon cushions on the bed from which she was not to go again in this life.

But try as she could Mrs. Johnson could not now remember her name.

The other patients all knew that Mrs. Johnson was going to be discharged this morning, and they congratulated her feebly or cheerfully, as strength and spirit dictated. She went upstairs into the wards where most of the interesting cases were and paid her respects for the last time to those whose acquaintance she had made in these two weeks of her convalescing. They were all glad to hear of what they called her luck and asked her about her children and wanted her to bring her husband to see them so that they might see what manner of man this was who was going to take her away.

"Let me guess," said little Miss Hough, who for once in her life had been upon the table, until now she was a veritable patchwork of suffering pathos. "He is a tall man with a red beard and light mustache."

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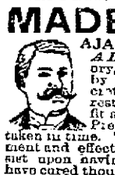

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whilities, poor Mrs. Marshall drew her face up into an expression of sincere pain, for the feeble little rollicksome laugh had rippled down her neck to the stitches in her throat and had wrenched them the millionth part of an inch, which was just enough to cause them to hurt like red-hot irons. Mrs. Marshall's eyes filled with tears, and she whimpered for a moment, and Mrs. Johnson knelt beside her bed and kissed her and petted her soothingly, and said that if she would try to be patient she would tell her all about everything, especially the boy of four who was going to the kindergarten.

"In just 41 minutes," observed Mrs. Teck, peering at a little gold watch, on the case of which was engraved an impossible buffalo with a nose like a species of ant-eater, gazing fixedly at a castle which had the dimensions of height and width but no thickness whatever, "in just 41 minutes Mrs. Johnson will be gone. I wish it were my time to go."

"Have you been counting, too?" inquired Miss Hough. "So have I. And oh, don't I wish it was me."

It developed that everybody had been calculating upon the exact number of minutes which must elapse before the emancipation of the graduating one. There is so little to do in a hospital that a discharge is an event which is transcended by but one thing in all the world—an admission. An admission rises superior to a discharge because they have such a broad latitude over which to wander. You can speculate on the nature of the ailment and wonder whether it is going to call for an operation or yield to medicine. You can guess at antecedents and circumstances and as to whether or not the patient comes of a religious stock—of the kind given over to murmuring of hymns and sacred songs. And in a ward of course you will get to see her visitors, and you have a most agreeable time of it in figuring as to whether the young man with the sad face is her husband or her brother. A patient going away isn't nearly so interesting, of course. It is not to be expected.

Mrs. Johnson went up stairs and bade the little spinal meningitis boy good-by and fixed his pictures before him so that he could see them all without having to turn. The little boy was of a rueful sort, awaiting only the slightest and most frugile of excuses for melting into tears, and when Mrs. Johnson said she was not going to come in any more his eyes grew moist. Seeing this the convalescent knew better than to repeat the indiscreet statement to Winifred, the brave six-year-old, whose right leg was trussed in the air with a great weight holding it at a shipmast angle. She told the child she was going to see her own little girl that day.

"Has she got a stiff leg?" asked Winifred, and for fear of hurting the child's feelings, the woman said that her little girl was afflicted as intimated.

Mrs. Johnson kissed them all and told them of the candy she was going to send them, and then for the last time she heard their usual confessions of desire; Earl, the spinal-meningitis boy, now recovered of his tears and crying shrilly a determination to be a policeman and ride in the patrol wagon; Winifred to be a nurse and wear a white cap, and Guy sturdily content to have a shovel and dig a trench for gaspipe.

The nurses passed in the hallways with their basins and trays, but none of these paid any attention to the convalescent, for none of them knew her except in the most general way. Her own attendant upstairs had already smiled pleasantly and had congratulated her on the successful outcome and had gone away to wait upon other patients, especially the typhoid-fever man, who rang his bell persistently. Mrs. Johnson went into the room which she could no longer call hers and threw on her cape and hat and waited for the familiar step. Having already sent her extra apparel, there was nothing to take away but herself. The books should become the heritage of the next comer. She wondered who she would be and if she would like "The Pride of the World" or "Gladys Heming's Atonement" the better. Somebody was coming. She rose and hurried over to the dresser to take a final look at her hat, and her eyes for the last time rested on the "symptom sheet," whereon the nurses had carefully noted the medical story of her case. She seized the pencil and wrote good-by across the bottom and turned to meet her brown-bearded husband, whose eyes were bright with joy.

Two minutes later the rattle of the wheels of the hack died out of the street, and Mrs. Johnson was gone.—Chicago Record.

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GEO. W. GALLOWAY, Assignee.
T. N. LITTLE, Attorney for Assignee.
dTuSatJan25

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In witness whereof, I have hereunto caused the seal of the said County Court to be hereunto affixed. Witness, Hon. John J. Beattie, County Judge of Orange county, this 8th day of December, 1897.

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W. G. TAGGART, Clerk.
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She—He said that settled it. You couldn't have me.—Chicago News.

No Protection.

"Let me insure your life, Mr. Medderass," said an agent to an honest farmer in Breathitt county.

"What's the use?" replied the agriculturist. "My brother had his life insured, but he just went and died"—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Johnny's Reformation.

"I am pleased to hear, Johnny," said the visitor, "that you do not read dime novels."

"Nope," said Johnny. "I knows where I can get them free fer a dime."—N. Y. Journal.

What He Would Be.

Mother (holding a stick over her four-year-old son)—Now, Sammy, what will you be if I don't whip you? (Expecting the answer "A good boy.")

Sammy (sobbing)—A Methodiss minister—judge.

Dangerous Practice.

"Oh, Clarence," exclaimed Mrs. Meriage, as her brother entered the house, "baby's cut a tooth!"

"Why do you let her play with knives?" asked the unimpressed bachelor brother.—Tit-Bits.

He Gambled.

"Marriage is a lottery," he said.

"Do you ever gamble?" she asked, coyly.

Thereupon he decided to try the game just once and see if he could get a prize. Chicago Post.

Not the Word for It.

"Henry, isn't this pumpkin pie I made a poem?"

"Poem? Josephine, I tell you solemnly, the editor who would throw that in the waste basket ought to be hanged."—Detroit Free Press.

Woman's Idea of Heaven.

"I wonder what her conception of heaven is?"

"A place where she can always be sure of some one to tell her troubles to."—Town Topics.

One Way.

Van Ishe—I had an awful lot of trouble to get rid of that girl.

Ten Broke—How did you do it?

Van Ishe—Proposed to her.—Yellow Book.

How Could She.

Ella—Did you ever hear anything good of that man?

Stella—Of course not; I'm his wife's most intimate friend.—Town Topics.

Oughtn't Have Told.

Mr. Richun—Young man, my daughter tells me that you kissed her last night.

Mr. Nervie—Well, if she wants to go around bragging about, that's her privilege.—Up-to-Date.

The Bachelor's Idea of It.

And so you will be married, Fred,
That tough old heart is caught at last?
While you who once so scorned the thought,
Will struggle in the net "she" cast.
No doubt you're lucky—all men are
Who find their fates, without a plan,
And yet I venture to assert
You are a much miss-guided man!
—Cincinnati Tribune.

Not in Their Line.

That "health is wealth" most all
Will readily admit:
Yet doctors I recall
Who have grave doubts of it.
—Judge.

Her Leading Question.

When he wooed and won a sculptress
And his tale of love had told,
Then the maiden brusquely queried:
"Will you love me when I mold?"
—Judge.

HE WOULD LATER.

"Do you take interiors?" asked Miss Tenspot of Mr. Kamn erer, the amateur photographer.

"Not yet," replied Mr. Kammerer, "but I expect to add the X-ray attachment to my apparatus after awhile."—N. Y. World.

Drinkers of Alcohol.

A learned professor at Geneva, Switzerland, states that France drinks more alcohol annually than any other nation in Europe.

He Pitied Her.

Newsboy—Say, dey's two women fightin' down de street.

Officer Clancy—Mind yer own bizness, ye little rascal.

Newsboy—Dat's all right, but one of de women is yer wife.

Officer Clancy—Then Heaven help the other one.—N. Y. Journal.

LOCATIONS OF FIRE ALARM BOXES.

For the information of our readers, we publish below a complete list of the numbers and locations of all the fire alarm boxes in this city:

14—Wickham Ave., cor Prince, O. & W. R. R.
15—North street and Low avenue, hat shops.
16—North St. and Wisner Ave., type shop.
17—Railroad avenue and Montgomery street.
18—Grand avenue and Prince street.
23—Wickham avenue, corner Liberty street.
24—West Main street and Wallkill avenue.
25—North street, corner Wickham avenue.
26—James and Henry streets.
27—North and John streets, Erie crossing.
28—Lake avenue and West street.
29—W. Main street, corner Monhagen avenue.
213—State Hospital Gate.
214—Prospect street and Highland avenue.
215—Rear of State Hospital.
34—Fulton and Mill streets, hat shop.
35—High and Hanford streets.
36—Canal street, condensery.
37—Mulberry and Fulton streets.
38—Fairview avenue and South street.
41—Fulton street and East avenue.
42—Academy avenue and Houston avenue.
43—East Main street and Railroad avenue.
45—East Main street, foot of Orchard street.
46—Academy avenue and Genung street.
47—Myrtle and Prospect avenue.
48—Grant street and Sprague avenues.
49—East Main street and Prospect avenue.
54—North street, near Orchard.
57—Franklin Square
21—Rung before a box number, denotes that a test is being made.
1 stroke denotes circuit broken.
2-2-2 strokes of bell denotes Chief's call.
3 strokes of bell denotes 12 o'clock time.
4 strokes of bell denotes recall, fire is out.

Inflammatory Rheumatism Cured in Three Days.

Morton L. Hill, of Lebanon, Ind., says: "My wife had inflammatory rheumatism in every muscle and joint, her suffering was terrible and her body and face were swollen beyond recognition; had been in bed for six weeks and had eight physicians but received no benefit until she tried the Mystic Cure for Rheumatism. It gave immediate relief and she was able to walk about in three days. I am sure it saved her life." Sold by J. E. Mills, No. 2 Empire Block, Druggist, Middletown.

Mrs. Stark, Pleasant Ridge, O., says, "After two doctors gave up my boy to die, I saved him from croup by using One Minute Cough Cure." It is the quickest and most certain remedy for coughs, colds and all throat and lung troubles. W. D. Olney.

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When billious or costive, eat a Cascaret-candy cathartic. Cure guaranteed. 10c.

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Disfigurement for life by burns or scalds may be avoided by using DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve, the great remedy for piles and for all kinds of sores and skin troubles. W. D. Olney.

Mrs. Mary Bird, Harrisburg, Pa., says "My child is worth millions to me; yet I would have lost her by croup had I not invested twenty-five cents in a bottle of One Minute Cough Cure." It cures coughs, colds and all throat and lung troubles. W. D. Olney.

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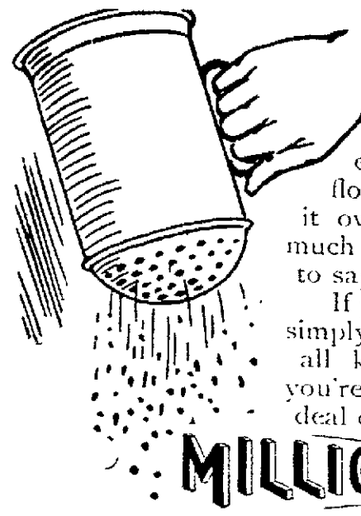

A good idea

is to keep some **Pearline** in a sifter, ready to use for floor-washing, dish-washing, etc., etc. You sprinkle a little over the floor, for instance, and then just wash it over with a wet cloth. See how much more convenient to use than soap, to say nothing of the easier work!

If you're buying and using **Pearline** simply for washing clothes, and not for all kinds of washing and cleaning, you're cheating yourself out of a great deal of comfort and economy. 347

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Admirable workmanship, skill and care, he shows at prices just and fair
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Splendid ROBES, of patterns neat; and BLANKETS, he has a stock complete
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Money left with the First National Bank of Middletown on certificate of deposit for three (3) months, will draw interest at the rate of three (3) per cent per annum

By order Board of Directors

SEYMOUR DEWITT, Cashier.

USEFUL GIFTS AT HARDWARE STORES.

IT HAS BEEN SAID THAT WE SHOW THE FINEST LINE OF CUTLERY IN TOWN.

OUR CARVERS, WHILE NEAT IN DESIGN, ARE GUARANTEED TO HOLD AN EDGE.

PECK & SNYDER'S SKATES ARE ALWAYS APPRECIATED.

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SOMETHING NEW FOR X-MAS.

That's what we are looking for, something nice for a ladies' present, something nice for a gentleman's present and something for pa and ma and the children, and the place to go and find such articles, and not all paper talk, is at

F. D. Kernochan's, the Middletown Jeweler.

Our stock is new, complete and ready for inspection. With a very little money your wants can be satisfied. Besides our Christmas stock, we have our usual large stock of Diamonds, Watches, Jewelry and Silverware. Old gold bought and taken in exchange. Eyes examined and lenses fitted free for all glasses purchased before X-mas.

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THE ELLENVILLE WIDOW.

Did Not Give Any Testimony But Was An Interesting Exhibit in the Vitriol Throwing Case.

Mrs. Winslow, the Ellenville widow of whom Mrs. Otens was jealous, and who was dragged into the vitriol throwing case, attracted much attention while in Kingston. The *Freeman* says:

When the report spread about Friday morning that Mrs. Winslow, "The Ellenville Widow," was on the witness stand to testify in the case of The People against Mrs. Otens, there was a big procession of men on Wall street towards the court house. While their anticipations of something spicy in the line of evidence were not satisfied, because she was not asked any questions by counsel on either side, their curiosity was satisfied by the opportunity afforded to view her. Mrs. Winslow although good looking, is far from being a dashing widow and during the few minutes she was in court the widow showed plainly that she did not relish the position she was in. She was escorted from the Eagle Hotel to the court house and back again by Sheriff Schantz, in whose custody she had been under an attachment since Wednesday.

MIDLAND CHAPTER'S ELECTION.

Appointive Offices Will Not Be Filled for a Fortnight.

Midland Chapter, No. 340, R. A. M., elected the following officers at the regular convocation held Monday night:

High Priest—C. W. Rodgers.
Excellent King—W. T. Seaman.
Excellent Scribe—John McWilliams.
Treasurer—S. G. Beyea.
Secretary—John A. Wallace.

The appointive officers will be announced in a fortnight.

Meeting of the Napanoch Reformatory Commissioners.

Ex-Assemblyman Fred L. Whritner, of Suffern; Hon. U. S. Messiter, of Liberty; Dr. Hornbeck, Geo. W. Deyo and Hon. George Bush, of Ellenville, commissioners in the erection of Napanoch Reformatory, held a meeting at Ellenville, today, to consider plans for the future continuance of the work.

Mr. Whritner spent a few hours in this city, yesterday.

The First Sleigh Rider of the Season

Charles Clapham, of Bloomingburgh, was the first sleighrider of the season. His old fashioned sleigh bells made merry music on the streets of this city before 9 o'clock this morning. He did not find the sleighing very good but it beat staying at home and wishing for more snow.

Advertised Letter List.

List of letters remaining uncalled for at the Middletown postoffice for the week ending Dec. 20th:

LADIES.

Penton, Miss Tillie	Pew, Miss Bessie
Clapp, Mrs. Frank	Price, Miss Ida L.
Johnson, Julia A. care Duboise Belle	Townsend, Mrs. James
Murray, Mrs. Katie	Whiting, Mrs. J. H.
Mills, Miss Flora	Wilcox, Mrs. Ella
Ogden, Miss Elmer	Woodle, Mrs. Anna

GENTLEMEN.

Casey, Harry H.	McLaughlin, John
Crist, Joseph	Roberts, Fred
Forbes, H.	Smith, Emmet
Giebner, Stewart	Smith, St G.
Godfrey, A. E.	Strube, John
Hine, Michael	Woodruff, Master Fnunk
Knapp, Elmer	

C. L. ELWOOD, P. M.

Both Have Disappeared.

"I was troubled with a severe pain in my stomach for more than a year. After taking Hood's Sarsaparilla a short time the pain was relieved and it does not trouble me at all now. This medicine has also purified my blood and the humor on my skin has disappeared."—MRS. HATTIE MATTHEWS, Gerry, N. Y.

Hood's Pills are the only pills to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla. Easy and yet efficient.

Try Grain-O! Try Grain-O!

Ask your grocer today to show you a package of GRAIN-O, the new food drink that takes the place of coffee. The children may drink it without injury as well as the adult. All who try it, like it. GRAIN-O has that rich seal brown of Mocha or Java, but it is made from pure grains, and the most delicate stomach receives it without distress. One-fourth the price of coffee. Fifteen cents and 25 cents per package. Sold by all grocers.

DIED

CLARK—At Buffalo N. Y., Dec 18th, 97 M Lewis Clark.

Funeral services will be held at Grace Church this city, Wednesday morning, at ten thirty o'clock. Interment in family plot Hillside Cemetery.

FRED O. ROCKAFELLOW, Funeral Director and Embalmer, 96 North street. Telephone No 8. Lady assistant. New York office 154 East 23d street, with H. E. Taylor & Co.

KNAPP & MERRITT, Undertakers and Embalmers, 42 West Main street corner James, Middletown, N. Y. 50 Grant Jones St., New York city. Lady assistant. Telephone Call No. 10.

JOHN LONOVAN, Undertaker and Embalmer 124 North street. Fine coaches to let. Telephone 15. Lady assistant. Open day and night.

DOUGHERTY & REILLY, Undertakers and Embalmers, 50 Cottage street, Middletown. Telephone 42, night and day. New York office, 52 Grant Jones street. Also long distance telephone. Lady assistant.

I. D. OSTERHOUT, Undertaker and Embalmer Lady assistant. Telephone 158, Middletown, N. Y. 40 Myrtle avenue, Brooklyn. 46 Great Jones street, New York.

TURKEYS. TURKEYS.

All fresh killed at prices that can't be beat in Middletown; home-made Sausage 10c or 3 lbs for 25c., Pork 8 and 9c., Pork Chops 9 and 10c., and 3 lbs for 25c. We buy right and sell the same. See our Poultry before buying elsewhere.

W. J. GREENING, 13 E. Main St.

A HELPING HAND.

The greatest help is health. A poor man with health is a thousand times better off than a sick man with a million dollars.

Nearly everybody could be healthy if they only knew it. Suffering can usually be traced to either ignorance or doubt. Some sufferers are ignorant of the proper remedy. Others have tried so many medicines that they doubt the efficacy of them all.

Dr David Kennedy's Favorite Remedy

is a helping hand that is held out to the sick. It does more than help—it cures. It cures liver complaints, constipation, scrofula, rheumatism, eysipelas, and all kidney, bladder and urinary diseases.

Mr. E. C. Caswell, of Brockport, N. Y., was terribly afflicted with scrofula. He had no hope of cure. But Dr. David Kennedy's Favorite Remedy gave him great benefit, and he recommends it to other scrofulous sufferers.

Don't give up because other remedies fail. Remember this is the grandest remedy anybody ever made.

$1.00 a bottle; six bottles, $5.00.

At any drug store.

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for each insertion. No advertisement taken for less than 10 cents.

TURKEY RAFFLE TO-NIGHT at 146 North street. 246dt

ECZEMA, Rheumatism and Paralysis cured Call at 12 Highland avenue. DR. M. L. DEVESSEY.

ANNUAL Clearing out sale of stylish trimmed hats sailors, walking hats, turbans, tams and children's caps at half price. 1rd&w F. CRAWFORD, 15 W. Main St

BLUE Point and Rockaway Oysters on the half shell for the holidays, delivered to any part of city, at TOTTEN'S, opposite Casino 260tc

THERE are many new designs in Watches, Clocks, Jewelry, etc., for the season of '97-'98. Call and examine them at A. M. AMBLER'S, 50 North street, next to Press office. Repairing a specialty at short notice and all work guaranteed. Engraving of all goods purchased free of charge. See other adv.

PERFUMES in Bulk—Woodworth's best triple extracts, Violets of Sicily, Blue Lilies, Jockey Club, Musk, Lily of the Valley, Crab Apple Blossom, Frangipanni, White Rose, Stephanotis, Heliotrope, etc. We'll be pleased to show them to you.

CHAMBERS' Postoffice Pharmacy, 57 North street, second door from post office.

A SPLENDID Line of elegant Sachet Powder (for the ladies' use in making Christmas gifts, composed of trailing arbutus, white rose, heliotrope, violet, blue bells, frangipanni, jockey club, etc., at CHAMBERS' Postoffice Pharmacy, 57 North street, second door from postoffice.

HONEY Delivered C. O. D.—Five pound pail, pure extracted 60c. Order by phone or postal at Belding's Flower Store or house, Cottage street d30,7,14,21 CHESTER BELDING.

FINE Christmas Presents—Old violins $2 and $5, mandolins $1 to $3, banjos $2 to $3, and extra fine zither and case, 52 strings, only $5 50, seldom get such a fine instrument. EXCHANGE AND MART CO., No. 46 East Main street

LOWER Part of house, 69 East avenue, lower part of house, with barn, 30 Canal street, lower part of house, with barn, 203 East Main street, for rent. Enquire of P. CUMMINGS, 100 North street, or corner East Ave. and Fulton St. 75dtf

WANTED on Bond and Mortgage—$2,500, 5 per cent., security worth $8,000, in this city; also $1,500 wanted, 6 per cent. MERRILL & BURKE, Attorneys, No. 57 North street. dtf

LADIES' and Gents' Suits and overcoats cleaned, dyed and pressed, gloves cleaned ostrich plumes cleaned, dyed and curled. 80d3mFeb2 J. A. AUSTIN, 93 Wickham Ave

THE Klondike isn't in it with the bargains in second-hand goods at LOEVEN'S Storage House, 21 Monhagen avenue. 78dlyOct23,98

FOR RENT—Double house, No. 14 Beattie avenue, arranged for two families city water. Barn if wanted. Low rent, desirable location. 11dtf F. C. EVERSON, 150 East Main street.

DISSOLUTION—On the first day of December, 1897, the firm of Thomas C. and Fred C. Royce, Dentists, Middletown, N. Y., was dissolved by mutual consent. The business will be continued by Dr Thomas C Royce, who will be assisted by Dr. A Freeman Foote, late of Brooklyn, N. Y. Dr. Foote is making a specialty of operative dentistry and is familiar with the application of electricity in its use for ameliorating pain attending dental operations. Crown and bridge work and dentistry in all its branches will receive prompt and careful attention at this office, corner of Main and South streets, over National Express Co's office. 150&w tf THOMAS C. ROYCE.

COLLECTOR'S NOTICE

State and County Tax.

Notice is hereby given, as required by statute, to the taxable inhabitants of the city of Middletown, N. Y., that the undersigned Collector of Taxes, in and for said city, has received the warrant for the collection of State and County Taxes for the current year, and will attend at the City Clerk's office, Room No. 2, Times Building corner of King and Center streets, on each working day of the week (Saturday afternoons and holidays excepted), for thirty days from Dec. 17th, 1897, until Jan. 22d, 1898, from 9 o'clock in the forenoon until 3 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of receiving payment of said taxes.

E. M. HAMILTON Collector.
Dated Middletown, N. Y., Dec 16th, 1897
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JEWELER AND ENGRAVER,
50 North St., Next to Press Office

FOR CHRISTMAS!

Holly Wreaths, Mistletoe, Stars, Pine Handles, Christmas Trees, Green Roping by the yard.

Pineapples, Fancy Table Raisins, Figs, Dates, Prunes, Cape Cod Cranberries, Vineland Sweet Potatoes, Florida Oranges, Cucumbers, Mandarin Kid Glove Oranges, Fancy Table Oil, Olives, Plum Pudding, Boston Head Lettuce, Edam and Pineapple Cheese, Choice Teas and Coffees, Fancy Table Butter, etc.

CITY GROCERS.

Bull & Youngblood,
56 North St., Opp. Postoffice.
TELEPHONE CALL 55.

HOLIDAY SALE—We will sell all our Felt, Chenille and Velvet Hats at a discount of 25 to 50 per cent. Also great reductions on birds, plumes, sweeps and fancy feathers. This is to reduce our stock and induce you to buy your hats here for Christmas gifts. See our stamped linens and embroidery silks. Ribbons sold cheap for fancy work. 50d&wtf MRS. BUSH, 144 North street.

NOTICE is hereby given that the firm of Ebner Bros., plumbers, steam and gas fitters, lately doing business at 84 Wickham avenue, is hereby dissolved by mutual consent. The undersigned will continue the business at the old stand, where all bills due the firm should be paid. 25d3t JOSEPH O. EBNER.

Before Christmas

Make it your business to call on us. We have so many interesting things that it will be a pleasure for you to look them over. Special line of

HOLIDAY NECKWEAR

Puffs, Imperials, 4-in-Hands and Tecks regular 50 and 75c goods, our price 35c EACH OR 3 FOR $1—cheaper grades in all styles at 23 and 15c. GLOVES and MITTENS make useful gifts. We have some elegant Fur Gloves at low prices. HATS or CAPS are presents which are greatly appreciated. Plush and Fur Capes in different styles CLOTHING OF EVERY DESCRIPTION, ALL OUR OWN MAKE, at reduced prices. You can always save $3 on every $10 worth of clothing you buy from us, because you save the middleman's profit, besides getting better made and better fitting clothing. "OUR PRICES ARE ALWAYS LOWER THAN OTHERS CHARGE FOR SAME GOODS!" We return money as cheerfully as we receive it, if, for any reason, you'd rather have the money than the goods.

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8 NORTH ST
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PUBLIC OPINION.

The City Market here all came,
High class chops and steaks are here.
Excellent parts all cut with care
Choice beef, pork, mutton if you seek,
Incomparable with sausage it would seem
The finest poultry too we meet
Yielding to no one near or far,
For prime meat at a moderate Sum
To please all patrons is Phillips' Ide A
Are sold at prices just and fair
Is here quite fresh throughout the week
The hams and bacon are supreme
At No. 119 North street
The City Market is the *

There you and Jim and Sam,
With a fresh stock of fish, oysters and clams.
Our patrons all excuse the stamp,
As our generosity is given to the helpless tramp.

J. M. PHILLIPS, NO. 119 NORTH STREET—CITY MARKET.

Cottage Hotel Entertainments.

WEEK OF DEC. 13.

Matinees at 3. Evenings at 8,

Florence Hudson and Lily Adams, lady song artists; Paddy Maher Irish comedian, song and dance artist, Marie Girard, character change artist. Performance at 8 p. m. Dance every Thursday evening from 10 to 1.

FOR SALE.

The property of B. F. Todd, 54 East avenue. Dwelling contains 13 rooms, with all modern improvements, including steam heat. Good barn and carriage house. Large yard and abundance of fruit. Easy terms.

GARDNER & McWILLIAMS,
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FIRST Floor to let at No. 10 West Main street, suitable for dressmaking, millinery or offices. 15dtf Address Box 65, Goshen.

WANTED AT ONCE.

100 tons of Dry Bones, in large or small lots. Will pay highest cash price. Old iron, cast and wrought iron, copper, brass, zinc, lead, tin foil, and all kinds of old metal, all kinds of furs, including dog, cat and rabbit skins, rubber and other junk; also second-hand machinery, boilers and engines, including shafting, pulleys, piping bought and sold at 125 Fulton street.

HENRY MEYER.
12d1mJan3

Orange Co. Trust and Safe Deposit Co.

Deposits made with this company between January 1st and 10th draw interest from the 1st, otherwise interest begins on date of deposit. Pass books will have accrued interest entered upon presentation after Jan. 15th. 25dtoJan10 G. SPENCER COWLEY, Secretary.

WANTED—Ladies to remember that you swore off on having your shoes repaired with nails. It makes them stiff and heavy. CRAIG sews on the soles, which makes your shoes feel flexible. The cost is no more.

SPECIAL SALE OF WRAPPERS AT 98c. AND $1.48.

HART DAVIS,
45 North Street.

SPECIAL SALE OF DOLLS
15, 25, 33, 48, 69c.
BEST VALUES EVER SHOWN.

WHAT TO BUY AND WHERE TO BUY IT!

The best assortment usually decides it. This store has prepared to offer something more powerful than mere assortment. It has linked economy with its vast collection. For months the work of price pressure buying has gone on to land on our counters the most remarkable Holiday Goods values in the world of retailing.

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Silk Initial Handkerchiefs	25, 39c
Linen Initial Handkerchiefs	25c
Pure Linen Hemstitched Handkerchiefs	15, 19c
Black Cashmere Socks	25c
Close Roll Umbrellas	$1 29 to $2 48
Oxidized Match Safes	25c
Traveling Cases	75c to $3.50
Collar and Cuff Boxes	89c up
Necktie Boxes	69c up
Calendar and Letter Boxes	48c
Glass Paper Weights	19c up
Wood and Silver Wells	19c up
Postage Stamp Boxes	29c
Paper Cutters	25, 39c
Paper Calendars	10c up
Pocket Scissors	25c
Brush Brooms, silver tipped	19, 25c
Match Trays	10 to 69c
Cigar Cutter and Ash Receiver	$1 48
Cigar Sets	10, 25, 48c
Match Trays	19c
Playing Cards	39, 48c
Bag Tags	25, 48c
Umbrella Fasteners	19c
Wood Ink Wells	25c to $1.19
½ doz. pair Fine Cotton Hose	$1.00
Leather Cigar Cases	39, 48c
Raphael Tuck Calendars	19c up
Silver Overcoat Holders	48c
Fine Hair Brushes	25 to 68c
Nail Files	25, 48c
Toothpick Holders	10c
Holiday Box Soap and Perfume	39, 49c
Night Shirts	49, 69c
White Shirts	48, 68c
Smoking Sets	25, 48c
Men's Suspenders 15c., 2 for	25c
Fine Undershirts and Drawers	75, 98c
Whist Markers	48c

FOR CHILDREN.

Tin Trumpets	5, 10, 15, 25c
Circle Railways	48, 98c., $1.48
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